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BURY YOUR HEART IN A TOMB ---WITH **HER!**



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The GIRL without a PAST



PAST

PAST?...ETTA NEWTON HAD NO PAST! HOW WOULD YOU FEEL, READER, IF YOU WOKE UP ONE MORNING AND FOUND THAT YOU WERE SUFFERING FROM AMNESIA...THAT YOU HAD ABSOLUTELY NO MEMORIES OF WHO YOU WERE, OF WHAT YOU'D DONE IN THE PAST--NOT EVEN OF WHOM YOU'D LOVED? READ ETTA'S STORY...AND SEE WHAT SHE DARED TO DO!

PRESENT



FUTURE



OUR STORY IS A STORY OF DREAMS, READER...PULSATING DREAMS OF PARADISE! EVERYONE HAS DREAMS, OF COURSE, BUT NOT EVERYONE HAS THE SAME IDEA OF PARADISE!...LET'S LOOK INTO A DINGY GLOOMY FACTORY LOFT IN NEW YORK, FOR EXAMPLE, AND SEE WHAT BRIGHT, YEARNING DREAMS WE FIND THERE...



YES, OUR INNER, SECRET HUNGERS ARE ALL REVEALED IN DAYDREAMS! KNOW A PERSON'S DREAMS, AND YOU HOLD THAT PERSON'S PULSING HEART IN YOUR HANDS--WHETHER THE DREAMS BE THOSE OF HAPPY OLD AGE, OF YEARNING MOTHERHOOD, OR...AS YOU'LL SEE IF YOU LOOK AT THE NEXT PAGE...

...DREAMS OF BEAUTY, GLAMOR, LOVE!



BUT ONE CAN'T LIVE IN THAT BLISSFUL, ENCHANTED DREAM WORLD SO FAR FROM REALITY... ESPECIALLY IF REALITY IS PERSONIFIED BY A FOREMAN LIKE JOHNSON!

SNAP OUT OF IT, MISS NEWTON, ...YOU'RE HOLDING UP THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY LINE! IF YOU DON'T STOP YOUR DAYDREAMING, THE BEAUTYVIEW MIRROR COMPANY CAN'T USE YOU ANY MORE!

Y--YES, MR. JOHNSON! I---I'LL CATCH UP TO THE REST OF THEM... HONEST I WILL!



"WELL RIGHT, READER I'LL TAKE OVER THE STORY FROM HERE ON! YES, I'M ETTA NEWTON---THE GIRL WHO HATED HER DRAB, MONOTONOUS JOB---THE GIRL WHO HATED MIRRORS BECAUSE THEY REFLECTED HER PINCHED, HUNGRY FACE!"

NOTHING TO EAT EXCEPT CRACKERS AND CHEESE---I'LL HAVE TO WAIT TILL PAYDAY TOMORROW TO GET A FULL MEAL! THAT PALTRY TWENTY DOLLARS THEY PAY ME CERTAINLY DOESN'T GO FAR WITH PRICES AS HIGH AS THEY ARE--- BUT IT'S THE ONLY JOB I COULD GET!



"I HAD COME TO FIND REFUGE IN THE OBLIVION OF SLEEP, AND A PATHETIC HAPPINESS IN NIGHTLY DREAMS OF MYSELF AS LOVELY--AND LOVED! BUT THAT NIGHT--"

THAT ISN'T YOU! GET BACK TO REALITY---LOOK AT YOURSELF AND SEE WHAT YOU REALLY ARE! SEE I--- BEAUTYVIEW MIRRORS AREN'T MADE FOR YOU--- BECAUSE YOU'RE NO BEAUTY! HAW, HAW!

NO, NO? I AM BEAUTIFUL... RICH... GLAMOROUS!



"AHOKE, FEELING AN INTENSE HATRED FOR THE MAN WHO HAD RUINED MY ENCHANTING DREAMS---AND THE NEXT EVENING, WHILE I WAS WORKING LATE TO COMPLETE MY WEEK'S AGREED QUOTA OF MIRRORS..."

OKAY, BABY, YOU CAN STOP WORKING NOW ---IF YOU SLIP ME A KISS! BE NICE AND I WON'T TELL THE BOSS YOU DAYDREAM THE WHOLE DAY AWAY!

GET... YOUR HANDS OFF ME!



SO YA THINK YOU'RE TOO GOOD FOR ME, HUH? OKAY, YOU'RE THROUGH ---FIRED! GET OUT!

OHNN!



"A SENSE OF BITTER FRUSTRATION OVERWHELMED ME AS I MADE MY WAY BACK TO THE DESOLATE BARENESS OF MY ROOM! LIFE HAD ALWAYS FRUSTRATED ME, SHATTERED THE TENDER DREAMS WHICH ALONE MADE THE WORLD BEARABLE...AND NOW I KNEW I HAD COME TO THE END OF MY ROPE!"

I---I COULDN'T ENDURE ANOTHER BROKEN DREAM, ANOTHER BROKEN HEART! I WON'T TAKE ANOTHER ROTTEN JOB---FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I'M GOING TO FIGHT TO BECOME THE GIRL OF MY DREAMS!



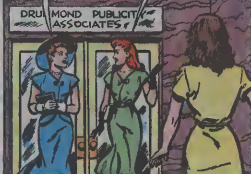
NEXT MORNING, AS IF IN ANSWER TO MY NIGHT-LONG PRAYERS---

WANTED--- Girl preferably attractive, for publicity stunt will be well-paid for risk involved. Apply Drummond Publicity Associates---

WELL-PAID--- THIS MIGHT BE THE CHANCE I'VE ALWAYS WANTED! ENOUGH MONEY COULD PUT ME ON THE ROAD TO MAKING MY DREAM A REALITY! THE RISK CAN'T BE TOO GREAT---AND MAYBE THEY'LL TAKE ME EVEN IF I'M NOT ATTRACTIVE---

YOU WON'T CATCH ME RISKING MY NECK FOR THAT STUNT, NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY PAID ME!

SURE---WHAT GOOD IS MONEY IF YOU'RE NOT ALIVE TO SPEND IT?



"I HEARD THEIR WORDS---AND TRIED TO IGNORE THE FEAR THAT STABBED AT MY HEART! THEY JUST DIDN'T NEED THE MONEY AS BADLY AS I DID! I COULDN'T AFFORD TO BE CHOOSY!"

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU GIRLS... ISN'T THERE ANYONE WHO'S GOT A LITTLE NERVE?

Y---YES--- RIGHT HERE! I'LL GO THROUGH WITH THE STUNT---NO MATTER WHAT IT IS!



YOU! WE WANTED A GOOD-LOOKER... BUT SINCE NO ONE ELSE ACCEPTED THE OFFER, I MIGHT AS WELL GET YOUR REFUSAL TOO! ALL YOU'VE GOTTA DO IS MAKE A PARACHUTE JUMP FROM A PLANE INTO THE HUDSON RIVER! THERE'S A SCENE JUST LIKE THAT IN GAYLORD KNOX'S NEW PICTURE OPENING THIS WEEK---AND WE'RE PUBLICIZING IT. SEE? WELL---HOW ABOUT IT?



"A PARACHUTE JUMP! I HAD COLD, STARK VISIONS OF MYSELF HELPLESSLY ENTANGLED IN THE PARACHUTE SHROUDS, DROWNING BEFORE AID COULD REACH ME! NO, IT WAS TOO RISKY! BUT AS I STARTED TO TURN AWAY, HIS NEXT WORDS HELD ME SPELLBOUND."

WE'LL PAY YOU \$3,000... AND YOU'LL HAVE THE HONOR OF BEING FISHERD OUT OF THE RIVER BY GAYLORD KNOX HIMSELF!

\$3,000... AND BEING HELD IN THE ARMS OF THE HANDSOMEST STAR IN HOLLYWOOD! GOLLY---



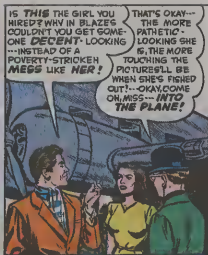
ALL---ALL RIGHT, I'LL DO IT!



GREAT! NOW YOU STAY RIGHT HERE WHILE I GO OUT AND MAKE THE APPOINTMENTS! I'LL SEND A CAB TO TAKE YOU TO THE AIRPORT!

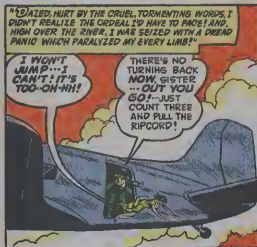
BUT... BUT MR. DRUMMOND--!

"I HAD WANTED TO ASK HIM FOR AN ADVANCE ON MY PAY, SO THAT I COULD AT LEAST BUY SOME DECENT CLOTHES AND GET A HAIRDO-- I LONGED TO LOOK MY BEST IN FRONT OF THE PHOTOGRAPHERS AND THE GREAT GAYLORD KNOX! BUT IT WASN'T TO BE-- AND AT THE AIRPORT--"



IS THIS THE GIRL YOU HIRED? WHY IN BLAZES COULDN'T YOU GET SOMEONE DECENT-LOOKING-- INSTEAD OF A POVERTY-STRIKED MESS LIKE HER?

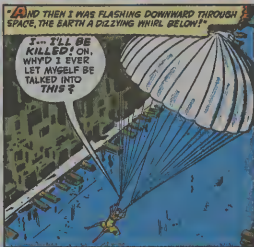
THAT'S OKAY-- THE MORE PATHETIC-LOOKING SHE IS, THE MORE TOUCHING THE PICTURES'LL BE WHEN SHE'S FISHED OUT!-- OKAY, COME ON, MISS-- INTO THE PLANE!



"DAZED, HURT BY THE CRUEL, TORMENTING WORDS, I DIDN'T REALIZE THE ORDEAL I'D HAVE TO FACE! AND, HIGH OVER THE RIVER, I WAS SEIZED WITH A DREAD PANIC WHICH PARALYZED MY EVERY LIMB!"

I WON'T JUMP... I CAN'T! IT'S TOO--OH--HH!

THERE'S NO TURNING BACK NOW, SISTER-- OUT YOU GO!--JUST COUNT THREE AND PULL THE RIPCORD!



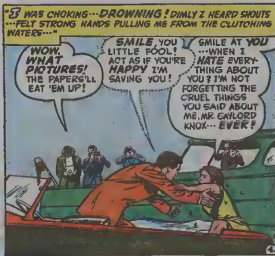
"AND THEN I WAS FLASHING DOWNWARD THROUGH SPACE, THE EARTH A DIZZYING WHIRL BELOW!"

I-- I'LL BE KILLED! OH, WHY'D I EVER LET MYSELF BE TALKED INTO THIS?



HELP!

SPLASH!



"I WAS CHOKING-- DROWNING! DIMLY I HEARD SHOUTS-- FELT STRONG HANDS PULLING ME FROM THE CLUTCHING WATERS--"

WOW, WHAT PICTURES! THE PAPERS'LL EAT 'EM UP!

SMILE, YOU LITTLE FOOL! ACT AS IF YOU'RE HAPPY I'M SAVING YOU!

SMILE AT YOU-- WHEN I HATE EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU? I'M NOT FORGETTING THE CRUEL THINGS YOU SAID ABOUT ME, MR. GAYLORD KNOX-- EVER!

"THERE WAS \$3,000 IN MY POCKET---BUT BITTERNESS STILL RANKLED WITHIN MY HEART! BITTERNESS AGAINST A SINUS, ESOTISTICAL MOVIE IDOL WHO COULD RUTHLESSLY WOUND A WOMAN---AND A DETERMINATION TO SHOW HIM! IT WAS THE NEW ETJA NEWTON HE WAS GOING TO SEE---AND ADMIRE!"



NO---IT'S NOT POSSIBLE! YOU... YOU WERE A MOUSE...AND NOW YOU'RE THE LOVELIEST GIRL I'VE EVER SEEN---THE KIND OF GIRL I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED ABOUT!

BUT POVERTY COVERED IT UP---THE POVERTY AT WHICH YOU SNEERED! WELL, MR. KNOX, YOU CAN KEEP ON SNEERING---AND DREAMING---BECAUSE I WOULDN'T LOOK AT YOU AGAIN IF YOU WERE THE LAST MAN IN THE WORLD!



AND THAT NIGHT, AT THE EXCLUSIVE FAWN CLUB---

OH, THERE'S GAYLORD KNOX! AND JUST LOOK AT THAT BEAUTIFUL GIRL WITH HIM!

EVERYONE'S LOOKING AT ME, WHISPERING ABOUT US! THIS IS THE GLAMOR I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED WOULD BE MINE---AND IT'S A REALITY NOW! I---I CAN'T THROW IT ALL AWAY JUST FOR THE SAKE OF A PETTY REVENGE!



"THE NEXT DAY..."

HERE'S SOMETHING ELSE YOU CAN USE FOR PUBLICITY, MISTER---HOW YOUR \$3,000 CHANGED A MESSY, DEBARRASSED LITTLE GIRL INTO THE WOMAN YOU'RE GASPING AT RIGHT NOW!



IT'S REALLY YOU---AND...AND YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL! WOW---WOTTA STORY! I'LL MAKE! I CAN SEE THE PICTURES NOW---YOU AND KID---TOGETHER! LET ME CALL HIM---HE'S RIGHT IN THE NEXT ROOM!

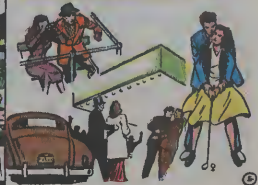
NO, PLEASE---YOU---YOU CAN'T WALK OUT OF MY LIFE LIKE THAT---NOT WHEN YOU'VE JUST CAPTURED MY HEART! I'M TRULY SORRY FOR THE THINGS I SAID TO YOU---WOULDN'T YOU LET ME APOLOGIZE MORE ADEQUATELY---AT DINNER TONIGHT?

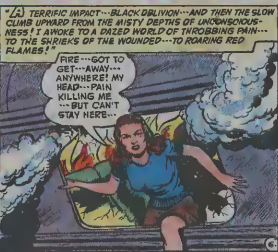
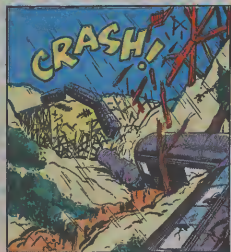
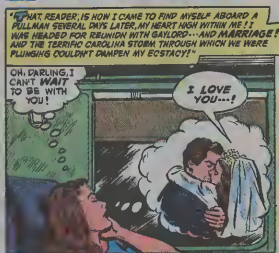
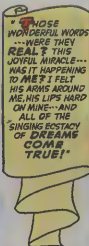
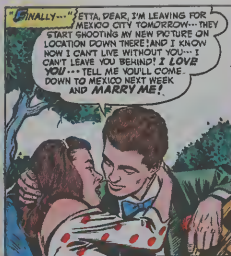
I---I MUSTN'T LET HIM SWAY ME WITH HIS SMOOTH WORDS! BUT IT WOULDN'T HURT JUST TO GO OUT WITH HIM---ESPECIALLY IF I CAN MAKE HIM FALL FOR ME, AND THEN HURT HIM EVEN MORE THAN HE HURT ME!

ALL---ALL RIGHT! I'LL SEE YOU TONIGHT!



DAY WAS PENITENT---TENDER---THAT NIGHT, AND HE DATE FOLLOWED DATE IN AN ECSTATIC NIGHTLY SUCCESSION! I FOUND MYSELF GLOWING WITH A RAPTURED HAPPINESS---AND A STRANGE NEW EMOTION I DIDN'T DARE ANALYZE!"





"YES...GET AWAY...AWAY...AS FAR AS POSSIBLE FROM THE PAIN! STAGER THROUGH THE MAZE OF SEMI-CONSCIOUSNESS, DOWN DIMLY-SEEN PATHS IN THE DEEP CAROLINA DARKNESS...WANDER ALL THROUGH THE MISTS OF NIGHT TO ESCAPE THE PAIN THAT KEEPS POUNDING IN THE SKULL, THE INESCAPABLE PAIN THAT FOLLOWS NO MATTER HOW WINDING THE PATH! AND FINALLY, AS DAWN BREAKS BLOOD-RED OVER THE HORIZON..."



"LOOK UP...RAISE THE HEAD THAT HAS BECOME HEAVY WITH THE WEIGHT OF UNBEARABLE AGONY...AND THEN SUDDENLY FEEL THE BLESSED BLACKNESS DESCENDING!"



SHE--SHE'S FAINTED!...WHY, SHE'S HURT...ALL BRUISED UP! I'D BETTER GET HER TUN THE FARM...MAW'LL KNOW WHAT TUN DO!



"AND THEN...THE AWFUL REALIZATION!"

WHO...WHO AM I? BUT...BUT I DON'T KNOW! MY MIND'S...A TOTAL BLANK! I... I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER MY NAME, OR ANYTHING OUT OF MY PAST! THIS MUST BE WHAT THEY CALL AMNESIA! IT...IT'S AS IF I NEVER HAD A PAST... AS IF I'VE BEEN BORN ALL OVER AGAIN!



"STAY THERE STUNNED FOR A MOMENT, FRANTICALLY TRYING TO FIND SOME TRACE OF MEMORY IN MY EMPTY MIND...BUT IT WAS LIKE LEAFING THROUGH A BOOK WITH PAGES COMPLETELY EMPTY!"

I... I DON'T KNOW WHO I AM... I HAVE NO MEMORY AT ALL!

NOW, NOW, JEST YOU LIE BACK AN' REST EASY! YOU STAY HERE AN' I'LL HURSE YOU BACK TO HEALTH! YOU MUST'VE BEEN, IN AN ACCIDENT--BUT YOUR MEMORY'LL COME BACK AS SOON AS YOU'RE STRONG AGAIN!



"THE NEXT DAY DAWNED DARK AND GLOOMY, BUT IT COULDN'T REPRESS THE SOARING HAPPINESS IN MY HEART AS I WENT ABOUT MY CHORES IN THE FIELDS; BUT SUDDENLY, AS A SUMMER STORM BROKE..."



"I'M GETTING SOAKED! I'D BETTER RUN FOR THAT TREE...AT LEAST IT'LL GIVE ME SOME PROTECTION!"



OH HHHH!

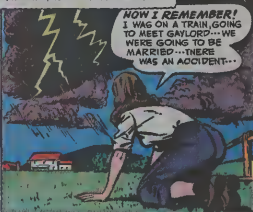
CR-RAKKK!

"ONCE MORE, THE FAMILIAR BLACK OBLIVION, THE DESCENT INTO THE DEPTHS OF NOTHINGNESS...AND THEN THE SLOW ASCENT THROUGH THE MISTY CORRIDORS OF CONSCIOUSNESS, UNTIL AT LAST..."



WHAT HAPPENED...WHERE AM I? THESE CLOTHES...I...I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

"AND THEN, LIKE A LIGHTNING BOLT SUDDENLY RENDING THE CURTAIN OF THE PAST AND FLOODING MY MIND WITH THE LIGHT OF REMEMBRANCE..."



NOW I REMEMBER! I WAS ON A TRAIN, GOING TO MEET GAYLORD...WE WERE GOING TO BE MARRIED...THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT...

THERE...THERE MUST BE SOME TOWN NEAR HERE. I'VE GOT TO GET TO GAY...THE MAN I LOVE! IT--IT'S FUNNY--THE LAST THING I REMEMBER IS THAT TRAIN WRECK--MAYBE I JUST STAGGERED AWAY FROM IT AND WOKE UP IN THAT LIGHTNING STORM! BUT NO--THESE CLOTHES--THESE FIELDS--THEY'RE STRANGELY FAMILIAR, AS IF I'VE LIVED SOME KIND OF A LIFE HERE! BUT I CAN'T STOP TO FIND OUT--I'VE GOT TO GET TO GAYLORD!



IT'S FROM ETTA...SHE'S ALIVE!

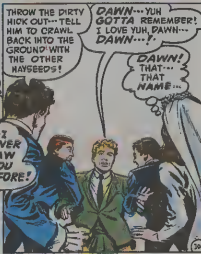
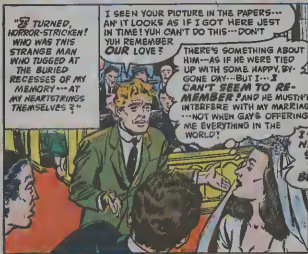
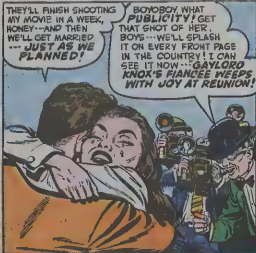
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GAYLORD KNOWS, ASSOCIATED STUDIOS, MEXICO CITY
DARLING, JUST RECOVERED FROM SPELL OF AMNESIA LOVE YOU MORE THAN EVER STATE POLICE ARRANGED FOR PLANE TO FLY ME TO YOU SEE YOU SOON BELOVED YOURS FOREVER ETTA

"AND THEN...REUNION!"



OH, DARLING...AT LAST!

OH, GAY...DEAREST!



"**DAWN**...
SUDDENLY THAT
NAME WAS THE KEY
THAT UNLOCKED A
VAST TREASURE-
CAVE...AND THE
TREASURES WERE
THE MEMORIES OF
THE HAPPIEST, MOST
JOYOUS MOMENTS
ANY GIRL EVER HAD!
ALL THE FORGOTTEN
MEMORIES, THE
RECOLLECTIONS OF
RAPTURE, FLOODED
MY MIND WITH A
BLAZING INTENSITY!
I REMEMBERED!"

IT'S ALL COMING BACK TO
ME... **CASS**... THE MAN I
CAME TO **LOVE**... THE MAN
WHO LOVES ME...

STOP!
LET HIM GO
--I... I DO
KNOW
HIM!



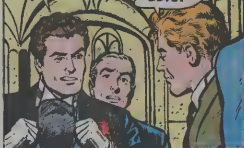
I...I'VE JUST REMEMBERED...EVERY-
THING THAT HAPPENED TO ME
AFTER THE WRECK! **CASS** HERE
TOOK CARE OF ME, HELPED
ME RECOVER! AND I... I
GUESS WE BOTH SORT
OF FELL IN LOVE! I
DIDN'T PURPOSELY KEEP
THIS FROM YOU, **GAY**...
AND IF...IF IT MAKES
A DIFFERENCE TO YOU,
I...I'LL UNDER-
STAND...!

THAT
DOESN'T
CHANGE
ANYTHING.
HONEY...YOU
WERE JUST OUT
OF YOUR MIND...
YOU **HAD** TO BE
TO FALL FOR
HIM!



JUST LOOK AT HIM...HE'S NOTHING BUT A CLOD
OF EARTH! THE DUMB FARMER...HE LOOKS AS IF
HE'S NEVER WORN A SUIT BEFORE IN HIS LIFE...
PROBABLY FEELS MORE AT HOME AMONG HIS
PIGS...HOW COULD HE
GIVE YOU ALL THE THINGS
MY MONEY CAN BUY...
FURS, JEWELRY, YACHTS...?

NO, I...I RECKON
I **CAN'T** GIVE HER
THAT...ALL I CAN
GIVE HER IS
LOVE!



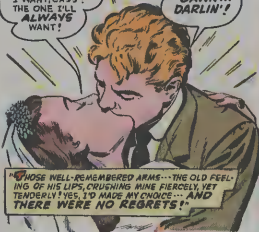
"**IF** I STOOD THERE INDECISIVELY FOR A MOMENT, LOOKING
FROM ONE TO THE OTHER! I KNEW THAT THIS WAS THE MOST
IMPORTANT MOMENT OF MY WHOLE LIFE...THIS MOMENT
OF MY GREAT CHOICE..."

ALL MY LIFE I'VE WANTED THE GLAMOR
AND WEALTH THAT **GAY** CAN GIVE ME! BUT
IF I SUCCEMBED TO IT, I'D BECOME AS
HEARTLESS AND CRUEL AS HE IS...HE'S
SHOWN HIS **TRUE** CHARACTER IN THE WAY
HE SPOKE ABOUT **CASS**! HE DOESN'T
REALLY LOVE ME...I'D BE JUST AN-
OTHER **POSSESSION** TO HIM...SOME-
THING HE CAN SHOW OFF AND BOAST
ABOUT...BUT
CASS...



YOU'RE THE ONE
I WANT, **CASS**!
THE ONE I'LL
ALWAYS
WANT!

DAWN...
DARLIN'!



THOSE WELL-REMEMBERED ARMS...THE OLD FEEL-
ING OF HIS LIPS, CRUSHING MINE FIERCELY, YET
TENDERLY! YES, I'D MADE MY CHOICE...AND
THERE WERE NO REGRETS!

YES, READER, WE **ARE** HAPPY...AS YOU'LL BE
ABLE TO SEE FOR YOURSELF IF YOU EVER CHANCE
TO COME DOWN THIS WAY AND FIND OUR LITTLE
FARMHOUSE NESTLED AMONG THE RED CLAY
HILLS OF CAROLINA! I'LL ADMIT IT'S A FAR CRY
FROM THE GLAMOR I'D ALWAYS DREAMED OF,
BUT WHERE THERE'S **TRUE LOVE**...THERE
WILL YOU FIND **ETERNAL HAPPINESS**!



ONE-NIGHT ENGAGEMENT

"**THAT** lie . . . that *stupid* lie!" Ann could have cried over it, *would* have cried, if it were not for Gwen Randall's dark eyes, looking at her so searchingly.

"Then you'll be at the Emerald Room tomorrow, won't you, Ann?" Gwen's voice was as searching as her eyes.

"Of course, I will," answered Ann. "See you tomorrow."

As she walked away from Gwen, Ann felt the tears, hot and stinging, fill her eyes. She had told that lie so many months ago! Invented it, in order to show Gwen that she, too, was attractive to men, that she, too, had had romance.

For Gwen had been insufferably boastful and arrogant that afternoon, pitying Ann for the quiet life she led. And Ann, driven by some self-protective force, had cried out, "But, Gwen, I've just broken off my engagement. You did know I was engaged, of course? To . . . uh . . . Ray! Ray Ross, the orchestra leader!"

She might have read the name somewhere or seen a poster outside a theater, Ray Ross. And how she embellished that lie, telling Gwen that Ray's career had been too uncertain for any marriage plans, that he had been mad about her and she about him.

And today that stupid lie had caught up with her, for Ray Ross and his orchestra were *here!* The Emerald Room, Gwen had told her, smiling maliciously. And she had promised to come, to see . . . Ray. That *stupid* lie!

The Emerald Room was a blur to Ann, as she looked unseeingly at the guests, the handstand. If only this Ray Ross would take sick . . . nothing serious, of course . . . If only she could

faint, or pretend that someone was waiting for her. If only she could get out, before. . .

But it was too late. There was Gwen, coming across the floor on the arm of a tall, handsome young man. An unmistakably sophisticated young man, whose eyes were sharp.

"There you are, Ann!" Gwen shrieked, a knife-edge on every word. "I don't have to introduce you two, of course!" Her dark, searching eyes were on Ann's face, quick to catch the blush, the look of pleading.

But the young man said, "Ann! Darling! You're really here!" and took her possessively by the elbow. Gwen's eyes widened in fury as he added, "You'll excuse us, won't you, Miss . . . uh . . ."

Definitely, he steered her across the floor toward a quiet corner. "I . . . I'm sorry . . ." Ann stammered, gratitude lighting her face.

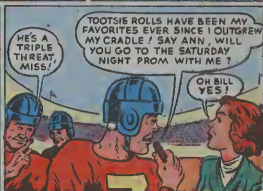
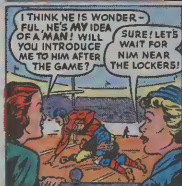
"Look," he said gently, "you don't have to explain. I got the picture the minute I saw her face . . . and *yours!* I've seen plenty of her type around. What's our story, Ann, so I can supply any little details she'd like to have?"

"We . . . we were engaged," Ann blushed to the roots of her hair, "but your career came first!"

"Maybe it did," Ray Ross smiled, "but it doesn't any more! Why don't you meet me after the show and we can take up where we were supposed to have left off?"

Ann looked at him and there was no room for panic in her eyes . . . just stardust and romance. "It's a date," she said.

"You mean an *engagement!*" Ray corrected her.



WOMEN who WOO

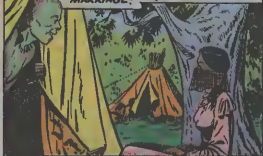
DOES THIS PICTURE SURPRISE YOU, READER--ARE YOU SHOCKED BECAUSE IT IS THE WOMAN WHO IS PROPOSING? WELL, YOU WOULDN'T BE ... IF YOU KNEW THAT THERE ARE SOME CULTURES IN WHICH THE MEN COYLY PLAY HARD TO GET ... WHILE THE WOMEN DO THE HOODING!



AMONG THE GAROS, IN THE BENGAL PROVINCE OF INDIA, THE GIRL ALWAYS PROPOSES--AND IT IS AN INSULT TO HER IF THE MAN POSES THE QUESTION! IF THE MAN AGREES TO THE MARRIAGE, HE MUST COYLY PRETEND TO BE UNWILLING--UNTIL HE'S CAUGHT AND LAUGHINGLY DRAGGED TO THE WEDDING CEREMONY!



WHEN AN INDIAN GIRL OF THE HUDSON RIVER REGION WANTED TO MARRY A PARTICULAR MAN, SHE COVERED HER FACE WITH A VEIL AND SAT BEFORE THE MAN'S TENT! THAT CONSTITUTED A PROPOSAL OF MARRIAGE!



AMONG THE PUEBLO INDIANS, A GIRL DOESN'T WAIT FOR A YOUNG MAN TO PROPOSE TO HER--SHE MERELY PICKS OUT THE MAN SHE LIKES AND TELLS HER FATHER, WHO THEN MAKES ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MARRIAGE! THE GROOM RARELY OBJECTS!



IN DUTCH BORNEO, THERE IS A SPECIAL KIND OF MARRIAGE BY TRICKERY! A GIRL HANGS COLORED CLOTHS AND VALUABLE ORNAMENTS ON THE WALLS OF HER HOUSE, INVEIGLES THE MAN OF HER CHOICE TO ENTER, SHUTS THE DOOR ON HIM--AND TELLS HIM SHE WANTS TO MARRY! IF HE DECLINES, HE IS OBLIGED TO PAY THE FULL VALUE OF THE HANGINGS AND ORNAMENTS!



Princess of Love



ROMANCE -- THE RIGHT OF EVERY GIRL! HERE'S THE STRANGE STORY OF ONE GIRL'S LOVE -- AND IT'S A PULSING, HEART-THROBBING TALE YOU'LL REMEMBER FOREVER! FOR ELAINE DURAND RISKED HER ALL FOR ROMANCE -- AGAINST A RELENTLESS RIVAL DEAD THESE THIRTY CENTURIES!

LOVE IS FOR THE LIVING, THEY SAY -- BUT READ WHAT HAPPENED WHEN A MODERN-DAY MISS FOUGHT FOR HER MAN -- AGAINST THE ALLURE OF A PRINCESS OF LOVE WHO LIVED 3,000 YEARS AGO!



"Let's start with a PICTURE, reader! Yes, it's I, Elaine -- on the day I was graduated from the WESTERN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN! Look pretty average and normal, don't I? Hardly the type to battle a MUMMY -- FOR THE LOVE OF A MAN!"



"But no such thoughts crossed my mind on that long-ago day! All I knew was **REBELLION** -- against the cloistered walls of this girls' college -- against a life too long lacking in excitement, love!"

GRADUATION DAY -- I'VE WAITED FOUR LONG YEARS TO GET AWAY FROM THESE IVY WALLS! I'M **SICK** OF BOOKS ON ARCHAEOLOGY -- AND I'D LIKE TO FEAST MY EYES ON A MAN WHO **ISN'T** A DULL **PROFESSOR** FOR A CHANGE! I FEEL LIKE PLUNGING INTO LIFE WITH MY EYES SHUT **AND MY ARMS WIDE OPEN!**

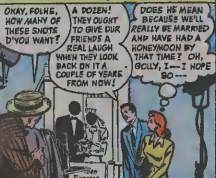
THAT'S A PRETTY DANGEROUS ATTITUDE, ELAINE! I WONDER WHAT KIND OF LIFE IS IN STORE FOR YOU!



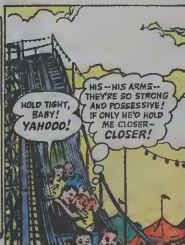
"Yes, what WAS in store for me? Happiness? Heartbreak? The ROMANCE I longed for? Let's take another look at my old album, reader... at a picture which seems to spell A DREAM COME TRUE!"



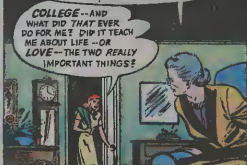
"But--it wasn't really that way at all! Only a faked Coney Island scene--but how I hoped it would come true! For this was CHARLES CARSON--and he was Number one in my heart parade!"



"Charles Carson, my first romance--and all I'd ever DREAMED a man could be! Handsome, bubbling over with life and vitality, always exciting to be with--the kind of man I could REALLY love!"



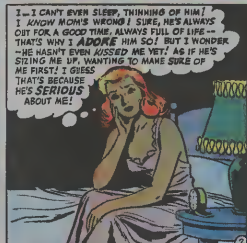
"FOUR IN THE MORNING--A FINE TIME TO BE COMING HOME FROM A DATE! I WOULDN'T MIND SO MUCH IF ONLY YOU WERE WITH SOMEONE BESIDES THAT CHARLIE CARSON! HE'S ONLY OUT FOR A GOOD TIME, ELAINE--HE'LL NEVER BE SERIOUS! AND WITH YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION, HE'S BENEATH YOU!"



"NO, LOVE ISN'T FOUND IN BOOKS, MOTHER! AND LIFE ISN'T SERIOUS--IT'S FUN! I MAJORED IN ARCHAEOLOGY--IN DEAD THINGS--AND NOW I'M ALL OUT FOR BOTH LIFE AND LOVE! SO YOU CAN JUST STOP TALKING THAT WAY ABOUT CHARLES--HE'S THE MAN I WANT! I--I'D MARRY HIM TOMORROW IF HE ASKED ME TO--AND FROM THE WAY HE'S BEEN ACTING, I THINK HE'S GOING TO GET AROUND TO IT PRETTY DURNED SOON!"



"I--I CAN'T EVEN SLEEP, THINKING OF HIM! I KNOW MOM'S WRONG! SURE, HE'S ALWAYS OUT FOR A GOOD TIME, ALWAYS FULL OF LIFE--THAT'S WHY I ADORE HIM SO! BUT I WONDER--HE HASN'T EVEN KISSED ME YET! AS IF HE'S SIZING ME UP, WANTING TO MAKE SURE OF ME FIRST! I GUESS THAT'S BECAUSE HE'S SERIOUS ABOUT ME!"



"Yes, Charles was biding his time! He dated me again and again, and I felt myself falling more and more in love with him! But why didn't he SAY something—declare himself? It came—finally—"

BABY, WE'VE BEEN GOING TOGETHER A LONG TIME NOW — AND IT'S ABOUT TIME I TOLD YOU THE WAY I FEEL! LET'S GET OUT OF THIS JOINT— WHERE WE CAN BE ALONE!



• THIS WAS IT!

It was a refrain sung by my beating heart — a joyous song of love! I remember the silver moonlight — the soft, whispering breeze — the feel of his strong arms — the warm pulsing of my blood as, tremblingly, I awaited his fateful words—

I'VE BEEN CRAZY ABOUT YOU EVER SINCE I MET YOU, BABY!

OH, CHARLES... I... I'VE BEEN WAITING TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT! I... I GUESS I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU, TOO!



"A million stars gleamed overhead and the night was rose-scented! Somewhere a bird sang— FOR THIS WAS MY MOMENT! I felt his lips upon mine, hard, compelling—in all of the rapture of springtime romance! He was MY MAN!"

OH... MY DARLING!



GEE, HONEY, THAT WAS WONDERFUL! I'VE BEEN BUILDING UP TO THIS — AND YOU DIDN'T LET ME DOWN! I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T— THAT'S WHY I STOPPED OFF AT THE JEWELER'S TODAY! HERE, WAIT'LL YOU SEE THE LITTLE PRESENT I GOT FOR YOU!

I—I KNOW WHAT IT IS, DEAR— AND I KNOW I'LL LOVE IT!



"It would be what I longed for—AN ENGAGEMENT RING! Excitedly, I pictured it in my mind's eye— Seemed already to hear the magic words that would accompany it! Would he say 'MARRY ME, MY OWN!' Would he —"

THERE YOU ARE, BABY! NOTHING CHEAP ABOUT GOOD-TIME CHARLIE, EH? THIS'LL SHOW YOU HOW I TAKE CARE OF THE GIRLS I GO FOR!

OH... IT'S ONLY A... A BRACELET!



ONLY A BRACELET! LISTEN, KIDDO, THIS LITTLE TRINKET SET ME BACK FIVE HUNDRED BUCKS—WHOLESALE! ISN'T IT GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU?

IT—IT'S BEAUTIFUL... BUT I—I WAS EXPECTING AN ENGAGEMENT RING!

ENGAGEMENT RING? HEY— GO EASY! YOU GOT ME WRONG— I'M NOT THE MARRYING KIND! SURE, I'M NUTS ABOUT YOU — BUT GET THAT LOVE STUFF OUT OF YOUR HEAD! AND NOW THAT WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER, HOW'S ABOUT ANOTHER OF THOSE SUPER KISSES?



* His words exploded in the recesses of my heart like bombshells, shattering it into a thousand excruciating fragments!

The man who'd been my every waking dream—whom I'd thought to love with every fibre of my being—and now—THIS! I tried to make myself believe it COULDN'T be... BUT IT WAS!

GET AWAY FROM ME! DON'T TOUCH ME, YOU... YOU LOATHSOME...!

AW, C'MON, HONEY! STOP PLAYING HARD TO GET!

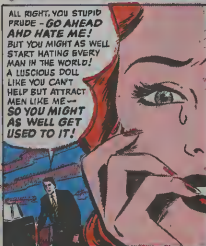


• END OF ROMANCE!

I found myself fleeing down the lonely road, eyes blinded with hot tears of shame and rage!

Only one thought throbbed in my tormented brain—to get away from the scene of my humiliation—away from the man who had broken my heart! *

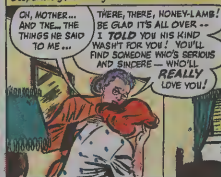
ALL RIGHT, YOU STUPID PRUDE—GO AHEAD AND HATE ME! BUT YOU MIGHT AS WELL START HATING EVERY MAN IN THE WORLD! A LUSCIOUS DOLL LIKE YOU CAN'T HELP BUT ATTRACT MEN LIKE ME—SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL GET USED TO IT!



* His words struck terror in my heart—could he be RIGHT? Would I attract only men like Charles Carson? Was I destined to go through life endlessly repeating this painful experience? Desperately, I sought reassurance...

OH, MOTHER... AND THE... THE THINGS HE SAID TO ME...

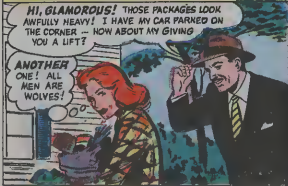
THERE, THERE, HONEY-LAMB! BE GLAD IT'S ALL OVER— I TOLD YOU HIS KIND WASN'T FOR YOU! YOU'LL FIND SOMEONE WHO'S SERIOUS AND SINCERE— WHO'LL REALLY LOVE YOU!



* But as the months wore by, I began to see that Charles was right—and Mother wrong! For I had blossomed into beauty in the protection of an all-girls' school, and hadn't learned that I was too attractive to remain unnoticed by men! But now I began learning—FAST! *

HI, GLAMOROUS! THOSE PACKAGES LOOK AWFULLY HEAVY! I HAVE MY CAR PARKED ON THE CORNER—NOW ABOUT MY GIVING YOU A LIFT?

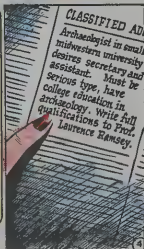
ANOTHER ONE! ALL MEN ARE WOLVES!



* That's how it was—wherever I went! I became man-shy... NO man was to be trusted! Desperately, I determined to seek some haven of safety—and one day, the opportunity appeared...

CLASSIFIED AD

Archaeologist in small midwestern university desires secretary and assistant. Must be serious type, have college education in archaeology. Write full qualifications to Prof. Laurence Ramsey.



THAT'S THE ANSWER! I USED TO SCORM BOOKS AND THE STUDY OF DEAD CIVILIZATIONS - BUT THE CLOISTERED WALLS OF A COLLEGE WILL BE A HAVEN TO ME NOW! PROFESSORS AREN'T LIKE MOST MEN - THEY HAVE NO INTEREST IN GIRLS! I'LL ANSWER THAT AD RIGHT NOW!



"Luckily, my college grades were excellent - and I GOT THE JOB! And when I finally arrived at Professor Ramsey's laboratory, he turned out to be exactly... what I'd hoped!"

I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE, MISS DURAND! YOU'LL FIND A LAB-COAT IN THE NEXT ROOM - PLEASE GET RIGHT TO WORK CLASSIFYING THESE FOSSILS!

HE'S PERFECT - BECAUSE HE'S A FOSSIL, TOO! HE'S COLD, DETACHED, STUDIOUS - THE KIND OF MAN I CAN TRUST TO KEEP STRICTLY TO BUSINESS!



"And as the busy days flew by, my opinions of Laurence Ramsey turned out to be 100 percent correct! He was an authority on Egyptian archaeology - and disinterested in anything less than 3,000 years old!"

PLEASE TAKE DOWN THESE LECTURE NOTES, MISS DURAND! -- IN THE THIRD EGYPTIAN DYNASTY, UNDER THE KINGS KHA'SEKHEMUI AND ZOSER, THE PYRAMID OF SAKKARA WAS BUILT. THE TOMB OF ZOSER HAS BEEN UNCOVERED, BUT NOT THAT OF THE FABULOUS PRINCESS SAKKARA..."

THIS STUFF MAY BE DULL TO SOME GIRLS, BUT TO ME IT'S A REFUGE - SAFETY AND PROTECTION!



"But as I came to know the professor better, I realized that his detached aloofness existed only on the surface - that beneath it, he was warm, human, kind!"

THAT'S AN EXCELLENT MICROSCOPIC FOSSIL ANALYSIS YOU'VE JUST DONE, MISS DURAND! YOU'RE AN AMAZING YOUNG GIRL - AND A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH!

HE'S A PLEASURE -- TO BE WITH! HE'S SERIOUS AND CONSIDERATE - NOT LIKE CHARLES! - HEY, GO EASY, ELAINE --- COMPARING HIM WITH CHARLES IS A DANGEROUS BUSINESS! IT COULD MEAN YOU'RE FALLING FOR HIM, TOO - BUT THAT'S RIDICULOUS!



"I tried keeping a tight check-rein on my heart, but the weeks that followed saw a ripening interest in Laurence Ramsey! The work I did suddenly became enchanting - especially the field trips I took with him!"

LUCKY THIS CAVE WAS NEARBY WHEN THAT STORM BURST! HERE - YOU'RE SOAKED AND SHIVERING! LET ME PUT MY JACKET AROUND YOUR SHOULDERS!

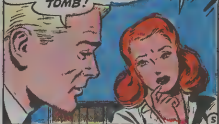
HE... HE'S SO GENTLE... AND TENDER! HE'D MAKE A WONDERFUL HUSBAND FOR SOME LUCKY GIRL! AND HE'S ONE MAN A GIRL CAN REALLY TRUST!



"Then, one day - A SUDDEN, CRUSHING BLOW!"

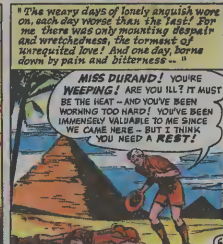
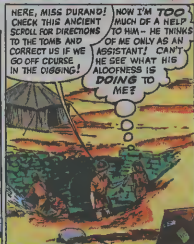
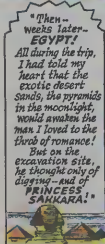
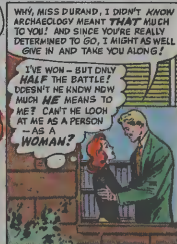
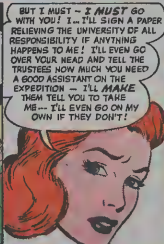
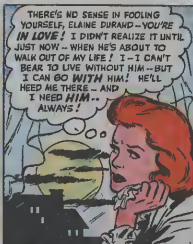
I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO DISPENSE WITH YOUR SERVICES, MISS DURAND! I'M LEAVING ON AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION TO EGYPT NEXT WEEK! WE'VE JUST RECEIVED SOME NEW INFORMATION WHICH MAY LEAD TO THE DISCOVERY OF PRINCESS SAKKARA'S TOMB!

LEAVING? -- OHHH!





"But I didn't understand my HEART that sleepless night! Why had I trembled so at the prospect of his departure? Why had my face flushed, my pulses raced?"



"Oh, he was blind, **BLIND**—and small wonder that I lost control of myself at last! I felt my words tumbling out—scarcely knowing what I was saying..."

IT'S NOT THE HEAT—IT'S THE **COLD!** YOUR COLDNESS! I'VE DIED A THOUSAND DEATHS EACH DAY, WAITING FOR YOU TO REALIZE WHAT'S IN MY HEART! DON'T YOU KNOW I CAME BECAUSE IT'S **YOU** I COULDN'T STAY AWAY FROM?

ELAINE!
WHAT A **FOOL** I'VE BEEN!
I—I DIDN'T REALIZE—



"No—it **COULDN'T** be real—that tender light in his eyes! The feel of his arms about me—it was something out of a longing dream! Closer he came to me—**CLOSER**—and then—"

PROFESSOR!
THE TOMB—
WE HAVE FOUND IT!



"Where was it now—the gentle kiss I had yearned for? Instead, I found myself flung aside—forgotten—"

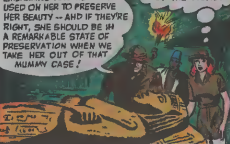
WHAT—PRINCESS SAKKARA'S TOMB! A **TOMB!** AND HE PREFERS IT TO ME! AND THAT'S THE MAN I HAD HOPED WAS WARM, HUMAN—THE MAN WHOSE LOVE I WANTED!



"Forlorn, like a pathetic shadow, I followed Laurence into the dim, musty sepulchre! And something there quickened my pulse with a dread, nameless terror!"

THIS IS IT, ALL RIGHT—THE LONG-LOST TOMB OF THE **PRINCESS OF LOVE!** THE LEGENDS SAY A SECRET EMBALMING FORMULA WAS USED ON HER TO PRESERVE HER BEAUTY—AND IF THEY'RE RIGHT, SHE SHOULD BE IN A REMARKABLE STATE OF PRESERVATION WHEN WE TAKE HER OUT OF THAT MUMMY CASE!

PRINCESS OF LOVE! HE DOESN'T KNOW THE MEANING OF THE WORD!



"The unwinding of the mummy's bandages commenced—and once again that strange, instinctive terror sent a foreboding chill through me! What lay beneath these musty wrappings? What fateful sight, hidden by the centuries, would be disclosed? Then..."

GREAT HEAVENS! IT—IT'S ALMOST AS IF SHE'S **ALIVE**—AND WHAT UNEARTHLY BEAUTY! 3,000 YEARS DEAD—AND SHE STILL STIRS ME AS NO LIVING WOMAN COULD! **PRINCESS OF LOVE**—YES, I CAN SEE WHY THEY CALLED YOU THAT!

WE'S—TALKING TO HER—ALMOST AS IF HE EXPECTS HER TO RISE AND CLASP HIM IN HER ARMS! AS IF **SHE** WERE **ALIVE**—AND **I, DEAD!**



"Yes, to him, I **WAS** dead! Something sinister and Satanic had seized his soul—some ancient magic had erased ME from his consciousness! Sleep that night was filled with haunting dreams! How could I hope to compete with the exotic loveliness of a **PRINCESS OF LOVE** out of the past?"



"But morning's bright light had brought a calmer, saner attitude—"

IT'S **RIDICULOUS**—THINKING THAT A WOMAN DEAD FOR THIRTY CENTURIES COULD POSSIBLY BE ANYONE'S RIVAL! LOVE IS ONLY FOR THE **LIVING**—AND LAURENCE WAS ABOUT TO SAY HE LOVED ME BEFORE THE TOMB WAS UNCOVERED! I—I GUESS HE WAS JUST OVERCOME WITH EMOTION AT HIS MOMENTOUS DISCOVERY!



"I looked for Lawrence, but he wasn't to be found! There was only one place left -- THE TOMBS! No, not that -- I prayed I wouldn't find him THERE! But I DID -- and reeled beneath the awful impact of what I heard!"

THAT FACE -- THAT RAVISHING FACE! IF ONLY I COULD HAVE LIVED IN YOUR TIME, SANKARA! BUT IT'S AS IF YOU'RE LIVING NOW -- AND YOU AND I ARE TOGETHER! --

LAURENCE! YOU...YOU MUST BE CRAZY! COME BACK FROM THE PAST -- FROM THE DEAD!



HOW DARE YOU INTERRUPT LIKE THIS! I SHOULD NEVER HAVE BROUGHT A GIDDY CHILD LIKE YOU ON THIS TRIP -- AND NOW I SEE YOU TRICKED ME INTO TAKING YOU! YOU HAVE NO REAL FEELING FOR THE ROMANCE OF LONG-DEAD CIVILIZATIONS! SHE WAS A WOMAN -- BUT YOU'RE SHALLOW, ADDLE-PATED!

I -- I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT -- BECAUSE I HAVE MADE A FOOL OF MYSELF!



"I tried fighting down the rising note of hysteria I heard in my voice, but the anguished pain in my heart was too overwhelming! The wild words spilled out of my throat in an uncontrollable torrent!"

I THOUGHT YOU WERE WARM, HUMAN, ALIVE -- BUT NOW I SEE YOU'VE BEEN DEAD ALL YOUR LIFE WITHOUT KNOWING IT! I LOVED YOU -- YES, I LOVED YOU -- BUT YOUR COLD HEART REFUSED TO SEE THAT THERE COULD BE A REAL WOMAN IN THESE DAYS, TOO! I WANTED TO OFFER YOU A HEART THAT WAS BEATING, PULSING WITH LOVE -- BUT YOU PREFERRED TO WORSHIP ONE THAT'S BEEN DEAD -- COLD FOR CENTURIES!



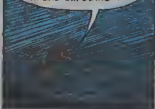
YES, YOU'RE DEAD... SHE'S DEAD... AND NOW I WISH I WERE DEAD!

ELAINE! WAIT -- COME BACK!



"COME BACK?" It was the furthest thing from my thoughts! I had to get away -- to escape the man who had so cruelly scorned my love! Out, out into the sandy wastes I fled, scarcely noticing the mounting whistle of the winds...

IT -- IT'S LIKE A GALE! THAT AWFUL FLYING SAND EVERYWHERE -- CAN'T SEE WHERE I'M GOING --



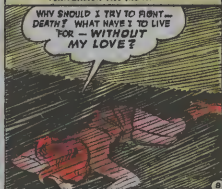
"The whole world had turned dark! I was lost in a howling nightmare -- in the heart of one of Egypt's sudden and terrible sand storms! And I knew that there was no escape -- that it was certain death to be caught out in the open in this raging inferno!"

CAN'T RETRACE MY STEPS... SAND'S COVERED MY TRACKS! AND I... I CAN HARDLY BREATHE... I'M CHOKING...!



"Finally, I could stagger forward no longer -- and stumbled helplessly onto the hot, stinging sands! Once more I tried to rise, and then sank back as a sudden realization hit me..."

WHY SHOULD I TRY TO FIGHT -- DEATH? WHAT HAVE I TO LIVE FOR -- WITHOUT MY LOVE?



"Was **THIS** how it was to be - the end of my life? My dreams of romance - were they to perish thus? Dimly, through the shrieking winds, I thought I heard a voice..."

ELAINE! WHERE ARE YOU? -- OH, GREAT HEAVENS!



"As if in a dream, I felt strong arms lifting me from the sands! **WAS** it a dream - or was this already **DEATH**? Tremblingly, I touched the face above me..."

IT--IT'S REALLY--YOU!

DON'T TALK... BURY YOUR HEAD AGAINST MY CHEST! GOT TO MAKE IT TO THAT ROCKY LEDGE... GET ON THE LEEWARD SIDE...



"I didn't dare believe we would make it, but I was content - let it end this way, in the arms of the man I loved!"

...CAN'T BREATHE... BUT WERE CLOSER! JUST A LITTLE FURTHER...



THANK HEAVENS... WE MADE IT!



"We were safe - but I felt no gratitude for this safety!

Yes, I was to live... BUT FOR WHAT?

How could I ever know happiness again with a desolated heart - when the man I yearned for had found another romance in the long-faded past?"

I -- I SHOULD THANK YOU -- **BUT I CAN'T!** I KNOW WHY YOU SAVED ME -- IT'S BECAUSE YOU FELT I WAS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY! WELL, DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE OFF YOUR HANDS NOW -- I'LL LEAVE YOU TO YOUR PRINCESS SAKHARA AND NEVER BOTHER YOU AGAIN!

WHAT -- LEAVE ME JUST WHEN YOU BROUGHT ME TO MY SENSES... WHEN I'VE FINALLY REALIZED HOW MUCH I NEED YOU -- AND LOVE YOU?

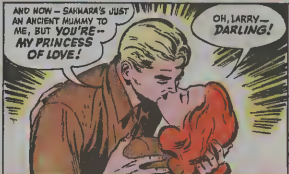


OH, DARLING -- CAN YOU FORGIVE A MUSTY PROFESSOR WHO'S LIVED WITH HIS BOOKS TOO LONG? YOU SEE, ARCHAEOLOGY WAS THE ONLY ROMANCE I'D EVER KNOWN -- AND IT MADE ME FORGET YOU IN THE EXCITEMENT OF DISCOVERING THE PRINCESS'S TOMB! BUT YOU AWOKE ME TO WHAT LIFE REALLY IS! WHEN YOUR LIFE WAS IN DANGER, I REALIZED FOR THE FIRST TIME THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DEAD PAST -- AND SOMEONE AS BEAUTIFUL AND VIBRANTLY ALIVE AS YOU!



AND NOW -- SAKHARA'S JUST AN ANCIENT MUMMY TO ME, BUT YOU'RE-- MY PRINCESS OF LOVE!

OH, LARRY-- DARLING!



"Yes, LOVE IS FOR THE LIVING! His enraptured kiss, thrilling me to the very core of my being, told me that the evil grip of the past had been broken forever -- that ahead lay only life and LOVE!"

The End

Follow the LEADER

IT WAS not her kind of party, at all. Too much drinking and the kind of talk that made her flush uncomfortably. No, these were not people that she liked or admired, thought Irene Davis, as Ralph Porter went to collect her hat, coat and bag from the hostess.

How had she gotten into something like this? Loneliness, maybe. Or fear of loneliness. Irene was a newcomer to town and anxious for friends. That was why she had accepted an invitation from a girl she hardly knew.

Ralph was helping her into her coat now, managing to touch her cheek lightly with his fingers.

Out, in the street, Irene felt better, but not much. True, she had left that fast, loud set behind her. But what about him? What about Ralph Porter? There was no doubt he was handsome and clever, and his quick smile made her feel happy.

"Yes, I like him . . . very much," Irene thought, stealing a quick look at her escort's profile. "But I'm not the kind of girl he knows . . . the kind he expects me to be. He thinks I'm like those girls back there—and I'm not!"

Her heart began to throb as her house came into view. Would he take her in his arms, try to kiss her on this, their first meeting? And if she refused, would he ever see her again?

"This is where I live, Ralph," she said abruptly, as though trying to put a quick finish to the evening. "Thanks for seeing me home."

"Oh, now, wait a minute. That's a mighty quick brush-off," he objected.

His arms were around her, his lips very close to hers. Irene felt panic and joy, mingling somehow in an unexplained way. And then, putting her hands on his chest, she pushed Ralph away.

"I'm sorry," she said. "Good night."

Tipping his hat, Ralph turned to go. He was half-way down the steps, when a strong impulse seemed to flood Irene. "Ralph! Come back!"

He ran lightly up the steps and stood looking down at her, a question in his eyes. Irene could feel her face turning pink and warm as she looked squarely into Ralph's face.

"This doesn't mean that I wouldn't like to see you again," she said.

There was that wonderful smile again, only this time, there was warmth in it. "I think I understand what you're trying to tell me, Irene," he said. "Care to venture a movie with me? Say Wednesday night? Or bowling on Saturday? Or the dance next week?"

"Any of them! All of them!" Irene answered.

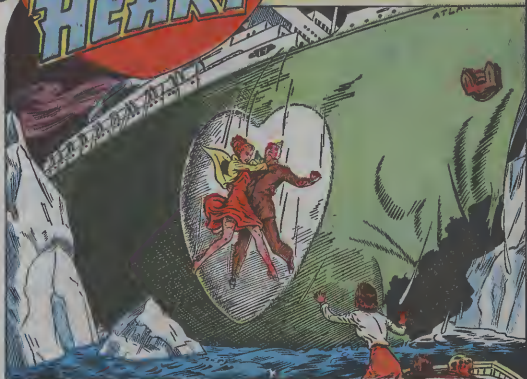
"You've got yourself a deal," he said. And then, before she could move away, he kissed her, sweetly and lightly on the cheek. "You're the kind of girl I admire," he whispered.

From the window of her room, Irene watched him, until he turned the corner and was out of sight. What a wonderful discovery she had made! A girl didn't have to follow the leader, if she thought the leader was wrong! No brief success, no loss of self-respect was worth it!

A girl could be *herself* . . . and still find a man to love!

HUNGRY HEART

EVER KNOW WHAT LONELINESS MEANT, READER? EVER KNOW WHAT IT MEANT TO BE CLOSED OFF FROM LIFE---FROM LOVE? THAT'S THE WAY IT WAS WITH ME, WILMA HENDRICKS---AND IT ALL ADDS UP TO A STORY THAT YOU SHOULD HEAR! IT'S A STORY OF A GIRL WHO YEARNED DESPERATELY FOR ROMANCE---AND FOUND IT---TOO OFTEN! BUT BEFORE YOU CONDEMN ME, READ THE REAL FACTS---LEARN THE TRUE STORY OF MY HUNGRY HEART!"



"THE SILENT, LONELY HILLS OF VERMONT---THOSE WERE MY HOME! AND I DWELT THERE IN A STRANGE ISOLATION, IMPOSED BY MY BEDRIDDEN RECLUSE FATHER---"

"I---I HEARD A CAR---AN' YE WUZ TALKIN' TA SOME-ONE, WILMA! I WON'T HAVE IT, I TELL YA! I DON'T WANT NO-BODY AROUND HERE BUT THE TWO OF US!"

"OH, PA, WON'T YOU EVER CHANGE? THERE HASN'T BEEN ANYONE AROUND HERE SINCE LAST SPRING! THAT WAS ONLY OLD SETH, THE POSTMAN!"



"THAT'S THE WAY IT HAD BEEN, YEAR AFTER WEARY YEAR! FOR ME, THERE WAS ONLY THE SOLITUDE---THE WEARY LONELINESS---THE CEASELESS, MONOTONOUS TOIL---"

"IT'S---LIKE A PRISON!---I---I CAN'T STAND IT MUCH LONGER! NOBODY TO TALK TO---NEVER A---A MAN TO LOOK AT ME! I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FROM THESE EMPTY HILLS BEFORE I GET LIKE PA--- BUT NOW CAN I?"



"THE ANSWER FINALLY CAME--IN THE COLD PRESENCE OF DEATH!"

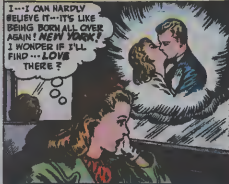
OH, PA. I'M GOING FOR THE DOCTOR! I CAN'T LET YOU LEAVE ME-- I CAN'T!

NO-- I'M GOIN'--FAST! LISSEN, WILMA--NOT MUCH TIME LEFT--YOU BEEN A GOOD GIRL--ALLUS TAKIN' KEER O' ME! I'VE LEFT YOU THE FARM--SELL IT--GET AWAY FROM THESE HILLS! DON'T--DON'T BE LIKE ME--DON'T BE SCARED OF PEOPLE ...OF LIFE!



"YES, I GRIEVED--BECAUSE I'D LOVED MY FATHER! BUT EVEN AMID MY TEARS, I FELT THE BIRTH OF A WILD EULYANCY! FOR I WAS FREE--FREE AT LAST! AND SO I SOLD THE FARM, SET OUT FOR THE WORLD OF EXCITEMENT--OF LIFE--OF ROMANCE!"

I--I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT--IT'S LIKE BEING BORN ALL OVER AGAIN! NEW YORK! I WONDER IF I'LL FIND ...LOVE THERE?



"THE \$10,000 I'D GOTTEN FOR THE FARM SPELLED RICHES TO ME! WITH SOARING HEART, I DECIDED TO SPLURGE ON MY FIRST PLUNGES INTO REAL LIFE! I BOUGHT EXPENSIVE CLOTHES, HIRED FOR A ROOM AT THE MOST EXCLUSIVE HOTEL--"

AH, YES, MISS HENDRICKS--WE'VE RESERVED OUR BEST SUITE FOR YOU, AS YOU REQUESTED! SUITE 1401!

HMM! SHE'S BEAUTIFUL--PERHAPS SOME MILLIONAIRE'S DAUGHTER!



"I WASN'T GOING TO BE AFRAID OF LIFE--I WAS GOING TO WELCOME IT WITH OPEN ARMS! I FELL ASLEEP TO SWEET VISIONS THAT NIGHT--AND SMALL WONDER! FOR I HUNGRED FOR THE LOVE AND AFFECTION I'D BEEN DEPRIVED OF--AND EVERY FIBER OF MY BEING CRIED OUT YEARNINGLY FOR MY DREAMS TO BECOME REALITY!"



"NEXT MORNING, RETURNING FROM BREAKFAST--"

WHAT A HUGE HOTEL! I COULD HARDLY FIND MY ROOM--ONNNH! MY DOOR'S OPEN--AND I--I LOCKED IT WHEN I LEFT!

1401



ONNH! WHAT--WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY ROOM?--BUT--BUT WAIT!--THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE MY ROOM--EVEN THOUGH IT IS 1401!

I'M AFRAID I DON'T UNDERSTAND--SAY! MY ROOM NUMBER SHOULD BE 1407--AND IT DOES LOOK LIKE 1401 NOW! THE TOP PART OF THE 7 MUST HAVE FALLEN OFF!



"**D**ISMAYED BY MY BLUNDER, AND TRYING TO HIDE THE BLUSH RISING TO MY CHEEKS, I TURNED TO GO! BUT THEN--"

WAIT! THERE'S AN OLD ADAGE--"WHAT FATE HAS BROUGHT TOGETHER, LET NO MAN PUT ASUNDER!" YOU CAN'T TAMPER WITH DESTINY, YOU KNOW--AND SOMEHOW, I FEEL AS IF I WAS **O**DESTINED TO MEET SOMEONE AS LOVELY AS YOU! WOULD YOU--MEET ME FOR DINNER TONIGHT?

I---I WOULDN'T THINK OF GOING AGAINST FATE! I'LL BE THERE!



"**I**T HAPPENED OUTSIDE ON THE TERRACE--MY FIRST KISS! THIS WAS WHAT I HAD AWAITED SO LONG! THE SWEETEST RAPTURE I'D EVER KNOWN STOLE OVER ME, MADE MY HEART THROB TO THE KNOWLEDGE THAT AT LAST I WAS LOVED--AND IN LOVE!"



OH--DARLING!

"**I**D NEVER DREAMED THAT FALLING IN LOVE WAS THAT EASY--BUT OH, THE GLORIOUS, RADIANT FEELING IT GAVE ME! NEXT MORNING THERE WAS MUCH TO TALK OVER WITH GIL--BUT AS I APPROACHED HIS ROOM--"

LISTEN, MIKE--YOU'VE GOTTA GIVE ME MORE TIME TO PAY THAT MONEY BACK! I'LL HAVE ALL THE DOUGH I WANT IN A FEW WEEKS--A LITTLE WORK WITH A SCREWDRIVER ON MY DOOR NUMBER, AND SOME SMOOTH TALKING WAS ALL I NEEDED TO ROPE IN SOME DUMB, RICH GAL AT THE HOTEL HERE!



OH--NO, NO!

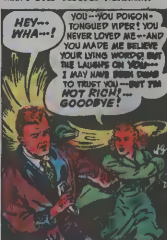
"**I**T WAS THE FIRST OF MANY MEETINGS WITH GIL ADAMS! HE WAS GENTLE, HANDSOME--AND HE FILLED AN ACHING VOID IN MY HEART!"

WILMA, YOU'RE RAVISHING--LOVELY! I KNEW FROM THE MOMENT I SAW YOU THAT WE WERE MEANT FOR EACH OTHER!

I---I GUESS I FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT YOU, GIL!



"**I**D HAD BEEN BETRAYED--BY A HEART TOO EAGER FOR LOVE--AND BY A MAN'S COLD-BLOODED TREACHERY!"



HEY--WHA--!

YOU--YOU PIGEON-TOUGUED NIPER! YOU NEVER LOVED ME--AND YOU MADE ME BELIEVE YOUR LYING WORDS! BUT THE LAUGHS ON YOUR--I MAY HAVE BEEN DUMB TO TRUST YOU--BUT I'M NOT RICH!...GOODBYE!

"**O**BARTSICK, I WANDERED AMONG THE HURRYING CROWDS, LONGER THAN I'D EVER FELT EVEN AMONG THE SILENT HILLS! THEN, DESPERATE FOR SOME CONTACT WITH THE PAST, WITH THE LIFE I'D KNOWN--"

COULD YOU TELL ME IF THERE ARE ANY FARMS IN THE CITY--WHERE I COULD SEE HORSES AND--

HAW! THERE'S NO GRASS GROWING ON THE SIDEWALKS YET, LADY--AND IF YOU WANT TO SEE HORSES, YOU'LL FIND THEM ONLY AT BELMONT PARK!

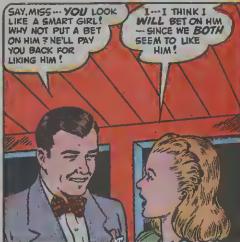


"**I**T TURNED OUT TO BE A RACETRACK--BUT THERE WERE HORSES!"

GOLLY, BUT YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL! IT WOULD BE A CRIME TO PUT YOU BEHIND A FLOW!

YBS--AND IT'S A CRIME KFC RUNNING IN THIS NEXT RACE WITH A BUNCH OF HAYBAGS--HE'LL WIN WITHOUT EVEN HAVING TO BREATHE HARD!

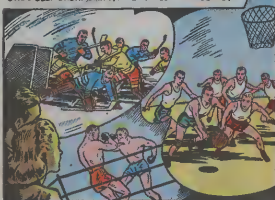




"THERE WAS A CONTAGIOUS AIR OF EXCITEMENT AT THE TRACK THAT MOUNTED TO MY HEAD LIKE FRAGRANT WINE! AND HE WAS AT MY SIDE---THIS SUAVE, SOPHISTICATED MAN WHO WAS A STRANGER---YET I FELT AS IF I'D KNOWN HIM FOR YEARS!"



"LOVE DID---AND LEARNED THAT WE BOTH REVELED IN THE TINGLING THRILLS OF NEW YORK---AND IN EACH OTHER'S COMPANY! AND CLINTON FARNSWORTH TURNED OUT TO BE THE KIND OF MAN I'D ALWAYS LONGED FOR--- STRANGELY ENCHANTING, THROBBINGLY INTRIGUING!"



"AND... ONE NIGHT..."

WILMA, THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU---NOW THAT I'M SURE I'M NOT JUST INFATUATED WITH YOU! I---I CAN'T SLEEP THINKING ABOUT YOU---THE SECONDS SEEM LIKE CENTURIES WHEN YOU'RE AWAY!



OH, DARLING... BELOVED! I LOVE YOU SO... I CAN'T WAIT TILL WE'RE MARRIED!

NEITHER CAN I! IT'LL BE AS SOON AS I'VE GOT ENOUGH MONEY FOR US TO LIVE COMFORTABLY ON... I WANT TO GIVE MY BRIDE EVERYTHING HER HEART DESIRES!



"BU'S LOVING TENDERNESS MADE ME LONG FOR THAT WONDERFUL DAY...AND WITH HIS NEXT WORDS, I KNEW HOW I COULD BRING IT CLOSER!"

WE COULD BE MARRIED THIS WEEK IF I ONLY HAD ENOUGH MONEY TO BET ON A SURE THING TOMORROW! WHY, WITH \$5,000, WE'D BE SET FOR LIFE! I'VE GOT AN INSIDE TIP WILDFIRE CAN'T LOSE...

I'VE GOT SOME MONEY SAVED UP! I'LL GIVE YOU THE \$5,000...FOR US...FOR OUR HAPPINESS TOGETHER!



BUT THE NEXT DAY...

THE WINNER... DREADNAUGHT!

COME ON, WILDFIRE! COME... OH, GOSH...

OH, HE'S LOST!



"I TURNED ASIDE SO THAT CLINT WOULDN'T SEE THE TEARS OF DISAPPOINTMENT IN MY EYES! I DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THE MONEY...BUT OUR WEDDING! IT WAS POSTPONED NOW...PERHAPS FOREVER!"

I FEEL LIKE A HEEL, DARLING...PLEASE DON'T TAKE IT SO HARD! LISTEN, I'VE GOT IT...WE'LL GET THAT MONEY BACK...AND ENOUGH TO GET MARRIED ON! I'VE GOT A HOT TIP ON A FIGHT TOMORROW NIGHT...AND MY MAN CAN'T LOSE!



IF WE CAN PUT \$10,000 ON HIM, IT'LL PUT US ON EASY STREET...HAPPINESS STREET...FOR LIFE! WE'LL GET THE MARRIAGE LICENSE THE VERY NEXT DAY, MONEY!

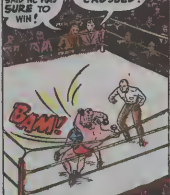
ALL RIGHT, DARLING!...I...I'LL GIVE YOU THE MONEY...FOR OUR HAPPINESS! I KNOW WE CAN'T LOSE...AS LONG AS WE LOVE EACH OTHER SO MUCH!



"BUT THE NEXT NIGHT..."

HE...HE'S LOSING...AND YOU SAID HE WAS SURE TO WIN!

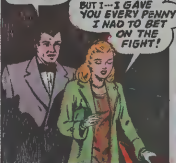
THE DIRTY CROOK...I'VE BEEN DOUBLED-CROSSED!



...EIGHT...NINE...TEN!

WHAT TOUGH LUCK! BUT DON'T WORRY, DARLING...OUR LUCK IS BOUND TO TURN NEXT TIME...AND I KNOW A SURE WINNER!

I...I DIDN'T WANT TO TELL YOU THIS, CLINT...BUT I...I GAVE YOU EVERY PENNY I HAD TO BET ON THE FIGHT!



WHAT? I THOUGHT YOU WERE RICH!

I'M NOT...BUT WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? A LOT OF PEOPLE GET MARRIED WITHOUT MONEY...WHY CAN'T WE? WE'VE GOT EACH OTHER...WE'VE GOT LOVE...WHAT MORE DO WE NEED?



UH, UH, BABY---YOU PICKED THE WRONG CUSTOMER FOR THAT KIND OF TALK! THAT SPIFFY HOTEL ROOM AND THOSE FIFTH AVENUE CLOTHES SURE HAD ME FOOLED! MONEY TALKS WITH ME---LOVE AND MARRIAGE DON'T MEAN A THING WITHOUT IT!

OHNH!

"TWICE I HAD LOVED---AND TWICE, SUFFERED! YES, I'D ASKED FOR IT--- I'D LEFT MY INNOCENT, EAGER HEART OPEN TO ALL THE CRUEL STABS OF THIS UGLY WORLD---BUT NOW I WOULD CLOSE MY HEART TO LOVE FOREVER!"

I---I'LL NEVER LET MYSELF BE HURT AGAIN! I'M HUNGRY WITH LOVE---WITH MEN!

"WITH MY MONEY GONE, I HAD TO LOOK FOR WORK---AND SO---"

YOU'LL GERVE AS RECEPTIONIST, MISS HENDRICKS! BUT THERE'LL BE QUITE A BIT OF FILING WORK TO BE DONE AFTER HOURS, FOR WHICH YOU'LL BE PAID OVERTIME!

I WON'T MIND, MR. SEDGWICK--- I HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO DO WITH MY TIME, AND I CAN USE THE MONEY!

"BUT IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, I LEARNED THAT WARREN SEDGWICK WAS JUST WHAT ALL MEN SEEMED TO BE---A WOLF! LITTLE DID HE KNOW, THOUGH, THAT I WAS ONE LAMB WHO WASN'T GOING TO BE LED TO THE SLAUGHTER A THIRD TIME!"

MY CLIENTS HAVE BEEN PASSING SOME VERY COMPLIMENTARY REMARKS ABOUT MY NEW RECEPTIONIST---I THINK THEY SEE YOU MORE OFTEN THAN I DO! HOW ABOUT REMEDYING THAT, MISS HENDRICKS---AT DINNER TONIGHT?

SORRY, MR. SEDGWICK---NOT TONIGHT---OR ANY NIGHT!

OH, COME NOW---WILMA! WHY ARE YOU AFRAID TO EVEN LOOK AT ME?

SHE MAY BE--- BUT I'M NOT, DARLING!

---AND THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER WHEN YOU SAID YOU COULDN'T HAVE DINNER WITH ME TONIGHT! AND NOW THAT I'M HERE, YOU WILL TAKE ME, WON'T YOU?

I---I GUESS SO, MARILYN!---GOOD NIGHT, MISS HENDRICKS!

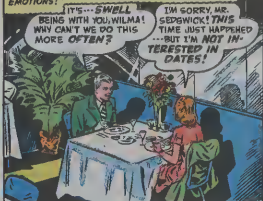
HE IS HANDSOME BUT I WON'T LET MYSELF GO FOR HIM--- ESPECIALLY SINCE NOW I KNOW HE'S GOT A GIRL!

"BUT A FEW NIGHTS LATER---AFTER WEARY HOURS AT THE FILING CABINETS---"

YOU'RE ABOUT READY TO PASS OUT ON YOUR FEET! YOU'RE COMING OUT WITH ME FOR DINNER AND SOME RELAXATION---AND THAT'S AN ORDER---FROM YOUR BOSS!

I AM TIRED---DEAD TIRED! THERE CAN'T BE ANY HARM IN GOING WITH HIM---JUST THIS ONCE!

"DINNER WAS A STRANGELY EXCITING AFFAIR... FOR WARREN WAS A PERFECT COMPANION... WITTY, COMPELLING, CONSIDERATE! BUT THE MOMENT I FELT MYSELF SUCCUMBING TO HIS CHARM, I COLLARED MY EMOTIONS!"



IT'S... SWELL BEING WITH YOU, WILMA! WHY CAN'T WE DO THIS MORE OFTEN?

I'M SORRY, MR. SEDGWICK! THIS TIME JUST HAPPENED... BUT I'M NOT INTERESTED IN DATES!

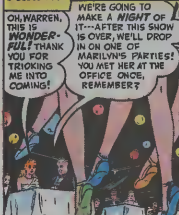
"BUT THE EXCLUSIVE GONDOLA CLUB THAT NIGHT, WHILE I WAS ANXIOUSLY TRYING TO FIND THE Moustached MAN WHO'D BEEN DESCRIBED IN THE TELEGRAM..."



AHEM! I BELIEVE YOU ARE LOOKING FOR ME?

OH, YES, YOU MUST BE... WAIT! YOU... YOU'RE...

"WHAT I DIDN'T TELL HIM WAS THAT HIS PLEADING LOOK WAS ALMOST LIKE THAT OF A SMALL BOY, STRIVING DESPERATELY TO PLEASE ME! I COULDN'T RESIST HIM THEN... AND LATER, I WAS GLAD I COULDN'T!"



OH, WARREN, THIS IS WONDERFUL! THANK YOU FOR TRIKING ME INTO COMING!

WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A NIGHT OF IT... AFTER THIS SHOW IS OVER, WE'LL DROP IN ON ONE OF MARILYN'S PARTIES! YOU MET HER AT THE OFFICE ONCE, REMEMBER?

"I REMEMBERED ONLY TOO WELL... BUT THE FACT THAT MARILYN AND OTHERS WOULD BE THERE MADE ME FEEL IT WOULD BE SAFE TO GO! WARREN WOULDN'T DARE TRY ROMANCING ME IN FRONT OF ALL OF THEM... OR WOULD HE?"



WHEN, WHAT A CROWD... I COULDN'T EVEN FIND MARILYN! COME ON OUT ON THE TERRACE, I'VE GOT A SURPRISE FOR YOU!

"BUT, A FEW DAYS LATER..."

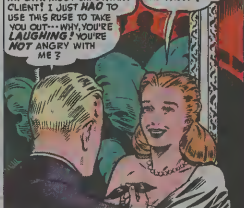
MR. SEDGWICK JUST SENT THIS WIRE FROM STAMFORD, MISS HENDRICKS! HE WANTS YOU TO MEET A VERY IMPORTANT CLIENT AT THE GONDOLA CLUB TONIGHT! HE SAYS YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN ENTERTAIN HIM... HE'S COUNTING ON YOU!



IF IT'S THAT IMPORTANT, I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO DO IT!

YES, WILMA... IT'S ME, WARREN SEDGWICK!... PLEASE DON'T BE ANGRY... AFTER ALL, I AM MY OWN MOST IMPORTANT CLIENT! I JUST HAD TO USE THIS RUSE TO TAKE YOU OUT... WHY, YOU'RE LAUGHING! YOU'RE NOT ANGRY WITH ME?

NOW COULD I BE... WHEN YOU LOOK AS FUNNY AS THAT?



UH, UH... NOT SO FAST! YOU'VE GOT TO CLOSE YOUR EYES FIRST!

ALL RIGHT... IF YOU WANT TO PLAY GAMES! NOW... WHAT IS IT?



THIS! I
LOVE YOU,
WILMA!

OHNN!

A FLAMING BRAND OF ECSTASY
SUDDENLY SEARED MY LIPS, SET MY
HEART AFIRE! NEVER BEFORE HAD I
SENSED A RAPTURE LIKE THIS... THIS
FEELING WITHIN ME THAT CRIED OUT
THAT ALL ELSE HAD BEEN FALSE...
BUT THIS, AT LONG LAST, WAS TRUE
ROMANCE!"

BUT SUDDENLY CAME THE STABBING
MEMORY OF PREVIOUS BETRAYALS, MAK-
ING ME BREAK AWAY FROM HIS EMBRACE
WITH DESPERATE FRIGHT! TWICE BEFORE
MY HEART HAD BEEN SHATTERED...
**DARED I RISK A THIRD
TRAGEDY?**

I... I DIDN'T
WANT THIS TO
HAPPEN! I...
I WON'T BE
DECEIVED
AGAIN BY
ANY
MAN!

BUT I LOVE
YOU, DARLING!
IT'S NOT DECEIT
I'M OFFERING
YOU... BUT
MARRIAGE!

**"MARRIAGE!" HIS WORDS STRUCK
AT THE SHACKLES OF FEAR AND DOUBT
THAT HAD BOUND ME... POINTED THE
WAY TO SHEER GLADNESS!"**

THEN... THEN
I CAN SAY
IT! I LOVE
YOU...
WARREN
...WITH
ALL MY
HEART!

DARLING! COME
ON... LET'S
ANNOUNCE
OUR ENGAGE-
MENT TO THE
WHOLE
PARTY!

ATTENTION, EVERYONE!
I'M GOING TO MAKE THIS A
REAL PARTY... AN ENGAGE-
MENT PARTY! I'M GOING TO
MARRY THE SWEETEST, LOVE-
LIEST GIRL THIS SIDE OF
HEAVEN... WILMA
HENDRICKS!

CONGRATULATIONS,
OLD MAN!

OH,
SHE IS
LOVELY,
WARREN!

I'M GLAD YOU'RE TAKING IT SO
WELL, MARILYN! IT'S TRUE THAT
WE'D BEEN GOING TOGETHER
FOR A LONG TIME, AND I... WELL,
I'M GLAD THAT YOU DON'T
RESENT THIS!

I'D NEVER
RESENT ANY-
THING YOU DO,
DARLING! BUT I
THINK WE THREE
HAD BETTER STEP
INTO THE LIBRARY
A MOMENT!

A COLD PREMONITION OF DISASTER AHEAD GRIPPED
MY HEART! WE WERE ALONE WITH HER NOW... WITH THE
COLD SNEER ON HER FACE..."

I THOUGHT ENOUGH OF YOUR HAPPINESS, WARREN,
TO INVESTIGATE YOUR WILMA... THE VERY DAY I
SAW YOU MAKING SHEEP'S EYES AT HER IN THE
OFFICE! I WAS AFRAID SHE'D TRAP YOU...
KEEP SECRET HER CHEAP, SORDID LOVE AFFAIRS
WITH GIL ADAMS, A CONVICTED EMBEZZLER...
WITH CLINT FARNSWORTH, A RACE-TRACK
TOUT AND FIGHT-FIXER... AND WITH NO
ONE KNOWS HOW MANY OTHERS!
SHE'S JUST AFTER YOUR
MONEY, DARLING!

IS THIS TRUE,
WILMA? ANSWER
ME!

I... I DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO SAY! I...
I THOUGHT I WAS
IN LOVE WITH GIL
AND CLINT...
BUT...

THAT'S ENOUGH--SPARE ME THE SORDID DETAILS! I'M GLAD I FOUND YOU OUT IN TIME! IT SAVED ME FROM THE MISTAKE OF MARRYING A---A JEZEBEL! THIS IS GOODBYE, WILMA!

OH, NO... NO!



"I RAN... FLED FROM THAT SCENE OF ANGUISH, SOBBING MY PAIN AND GRIEF OUT TO THE UNHEEDING STARS!"

HOW COULD HE-- HOW COULD HE SAY THINGS LIKE THAT TO ME? OH, IF I COULD ONLY DIE, ---DIE!



"I RESIGNED MY POSITION--FACED THE EMPTY, DESOLATE DAYS AHEAD! SOMETHING WITHIN ME WAS MORTALLY HURT-- SOMETHING WHICH DIED AT THE SIGHT OF A NEWSPAPER ITEM WEEK'S LATER!"

MISS MARILYN FORSYTHE TO WED WARREN SEDGWICK

Announcement of the forthcoming marriage of Miss Marilyn Forsythe and Mr. Warren Sedgwick was made today. The couple will be married in London on the cruise ship ATLANTIS, and will then proceed to Paris, where the marriage will be held.



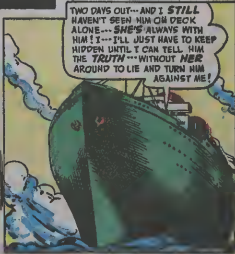
"I WAS THEN THAT I KNEW MY HEART STILL POSSESSED THE SPARK OF LIFE!"

SHE FOUGHT FOR HIM IN HER OWN DIRTY WAY AND RUINED MY MARRIAGE! WHY CAN'T I DO THE SAME--BY MAKING HIM LISTEN TO THE TRUTH? I WILL FIGHT FOR HIM--BECAUSE MY LOVE IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR--EVEN DYING FOR!



"THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY TO GET TO TALK TO HIM IN TIME! I TOOK ALL THE MONEY I HAD SAVED WHILE WORKING, SECURED PASSAGE ON THE ATLANTIS-- AND WAITED FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT!"

TWO DAYS OUT-- AND I STILL HAVEN'T SEEN HIM ON DECK ALONE-- SHE'S ALWAYS WITH HIM! I-- I'LL JUST HAVE TO KEEP HIDDEN UNTIL I CAN TELL HIM THE TRUTH-- WITHOUT HER AROUND TO LIE AND TURN HIM AGAINST ME!



"FINALLY, ON A COLD, POOR NIGHT, I FOUND MY CHANCE!"

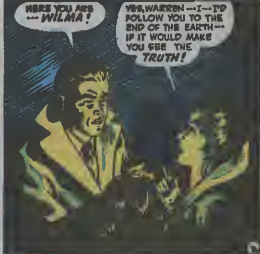
PARDON ME, CAN I TROUBLE YOU FOR A LIGHT?

WHY, CERTAINLY!



WHERE YOU ARE -- WILMA!

YES, WARREN--I-- I'D FOLLOW YOU TO THE END OF THE EARTH-- IF IT WOULD MAKE YOU SEE THE TRUTH!



1---I LOVE YOU WARREN... AND I'M INNOCENT OF ALL THE THINGS MARILYN SAID ABOUT ME! PLEASE---I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU THE REAL STORY OF WHAT HAPPENED WITH THOSE MEN---

WELL, WELL... SO IT'S YOU AGAIN, EH? I ALWAYS KNEW BIRDS OF PREY FOLLOWED SHIPS---BUT THIS IS THE FIRST ONE I'VE HEARD OF THAT TALKS... LIES!

FIRST SHE SAYS SHE'S INNOCENT, AND IN THE NEXT BREATH SHE ADMITS MY ACCUSATIONS ARE TRUE! SHE DOESN'T KNOW THE MEANING OF LOVE OR TRUTH! BUT SINCE SHE FOLLOWED US OUT HERE, IT'S OBVIOUS SHE KNOWS THE MEANING OF MONEY---YOUR MONEY!

IT'S NO USE, WILMA--- I COULD NEVER BELIEVE YOU! YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME!

"HE WAS RIGHT---IT WAS NO USE! I WAS LEFT STARING INTO AN EMPTY LIFE---AN EMPTY SEA! AND IT SEEMED TO BECKON--- BECKON?"

IT---IT WOULD BE SO EASY! NO ONE WOULD SEE ME JUMPING IN THIS HEAVY FOG---

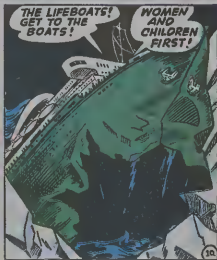
JUST THEN---

THIS FOG---CAN'T SEE A THING! AND THESE WATERS ARE BAD---HEY! ICEBERG---DEAD AHEAD! REVERSE ENGINES! REVERSE---

THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TIME---LOOK OUT!--!



"The AWFUL IMPACT THREW ME FROM MY FEET, LEFT ME STUNNED! AND A MOMENT LATER, THE DECKS WERE FILLED WITH A MOB OF TERROR-STRIKEN PEOPLE, ALL MADLY SHOVING AND CLAWING IN FRENZIED PANIC!"



THE LIFEBOATS! GET TO THE BOATS!

WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST!

"DESPERATELY, I FOUGHT MY WAY THROUGH THE MADDENED PASSENGERS, FRANTICALLY SEARCHING FOR WARREN... FOR THE MAN WHOSE SAFETY MEANT MORE TO ME THAN LIFE ITSELF! FINALLY..."

WHERE YOU GOING? ...GET TO A LIFEBOAT... THE SHIP'LL SINK ANY MINUTE!

MY FIANCÉE! SHE WAS IN HER CABIN... UP FORWARD... WHEN THE CRASH CAME! LET GO... I'VE GOT TO FIND HER!



"MY HEART WAS WRACKED WITH THE PAIN OF KNOWING HIS THOUGHTS WERE OF HER... ONLY OF HER! BUT I COULDN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT OF LETTING HIM OUT OF MY SIGHT, AND SO I FOLLOWED HIM... UNTIL..."

THANK HEAVENS YOU CAME! I... I CAN'T GET LOOSE! HURRY... GET ME OUT OF HERE... I ... I DON'T WANT TO DIE!

DON'T WORRY... I WON'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO YOU! I'LL HAVE TO PRY OFF THAT WRECKAGE...



"THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING TO DO... I WOULD HAVE TO HELP FREE THIS GIRL WHO NATED ME SO VICIOUSLY... FREE HER IN TIME FOR HIM TO ESCAPE!"

LET... LET ME HELP!

YOU! WELL, ALL RIGHT, I CAN USE HELP... FROM ANYONE!



"FRANTICALLY, WE WORKED WITH HANDS SPURRED BY DESPERATION... AS THE SHIP TILTED MORE AND MORE! FINALLY..."

THERE... THAT SHOULD DO IT! GET HER OUT, WILMA!

WARREN... LOOK OUT!



"FOR A MOMENT I STOOD STUNNED WITH HORROR AS I REALIZED THAT I HAD HELPED TRAP THE MAN I LOVED... AND THEN..."

QUICK, MARILYN... HELP ME FREE HIM! THERE MAY STILL BE TIME!

NO... THERE'S NO TIME! I'VE GOT TO GET TO A LIFEBOAT... AND SAVE MYSELF!



THE SHIP'S... SINKING, WILMA! LEAVE ME... SAVE YOURSELF!

NO! I ... I'LL NEVER LEAVE YOU!



"PRACTICALLY, SOBBING WITH EXERTION, I WORKED WITH A STRENGTH I DIDN'T KNOW I POSSESSED... A STRENGTH BORN OF LOVE! AND FINALLY..."

I'M FREE!
--BUT--MY LEG
--IT--IT MUST
BE BROKEN!

HERE, PUT YOUR
ARM AROUND ME!
I--I'LL HAVE TO
SUPPORT YOU!



"SOMEHOW, I MANAGED TO STAGGER ONTO THE DECK, MY ARMS TENDERLY AROUND HIM, HOLDING HIM UP! IF IT WERE TOO LATE, IF WE HAD TO DIE, THIS WAS THE WAY I WANTED IT TO BE! THEN, AT THE RAIL, AS THE PLUNGING SHIP SEEMED TO GIVE A FINAL SHUDDER..."

JUMP...
IT'S OUR
ONLY
CHANCE!



THE WATER'S
... FREEZING!
HARD TO KEEP
AFLOAT--BUT
GOT TO--
GOT TO HOLD
HIM UP--

HOLD ON, GIRLIE!
WE'RE COMIN'!



OH, DARLING, YOU'RE HERE!
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW
HAPPY I AM!

'ATTA
GIRL--WE
GOT HIM!

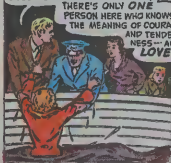
SHE--SHE'S
GOT HIM
AGAIN! ALL I
DID WAS SAVE
HIM FOR HER
ARMS--FOR THE
ARMS OF THE
WOMAN HE'S
GOING TO
MARRY!



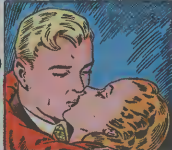
"BUT THEN--TO MY UNBELIEVING
BARS--"

GET AWAY FROM
ME! THERE'S NOT AN UNSELFISH
QUINCE OF LOVE AND DEVOTION IN
YOU--AS I FOUND OUT WHEN YOU
WERE WILLING TO ABANDON ME TO
DEATH--AS LONG AS YOU
COULD SAVE YOURSELF! NO,

THERE'S ONLY ONE
PERSON HERE WHO KNOWS
THE MEANING OF COURAGE
AND TENDER-
NESS--AND
LOVE--



---AND THAT'S YOU--DARLING!
I WAS A FOOL TO BELIEVE HER--
AND TO DOUBT YOU! ONLY TRUE
LOVE COULD HAVE SAVED ME--
AND THAT'S THE ONLY KIND OF
LOVE MR. AND MRS. SEDGWICK
ARE GOING TO HAVE--FOR THE
REST OF THEIR GLORIOUSLY
HAPPY LIVES!



"JUST ANOTHER STORY-BOOK
ENDING, YOU'RE THINKING, READER?
HARDLY--BECAUSE THAT'S THE WAY IT
ACTUALLY HAPPENED! AND IF YOU'VE
EVER MADE MISTAKES IN LOVE--IF
YOUR HUNGRY HEART HAS LED YOU
INTO PITFALLS--THEN JUST RE-
MEMBER MY STORY--MY HAPPY
ENDING--MY TRUE ROMANCE!"

How to MEND THAT BROKEN HEART!

ONE OF THE MOST FREQUENT QUESTIONS THAT THE EDITORS OF THIS MAGAZINE ARE ASKED, IS—"WHAT CAN I DO WHEN MY 'STEADY' SUDDENLY STOPS BEING STEADY... WHEN HE IGNORES ME AND STARTS DATING OTHER GIRLS? WELL, SINCE BEING JILTED HAPPENS AT LEAST ONCE TO NEARLY EVERYONE, HERE ARE SOME TIPS ON HOW TO MAKE LIFE BEARABLE AGAIN... HOW TO MAKE SURE A NEW ROMANCE COMES YOUR WAY!



IT WILL TAKE A LITTLE TIME TO MEND THAT BROKEN HEART, BUT YOU'RE THE GIRL WITH PLENTY OF TIME... NOW THAT THE PHONE HAS STOPPED BUZZING FOR YOU! AND THE FIRST RULE IS, DON'T SPEND ALL YOUR TIME MOONING AROUND, HOPING HE'LL CALL YOU!



DON'T ALLOW YOURSELF TO WRITE HIM—DON'T THROW YOURSELF AT HIM AND BEG HIM TO RETURN TO YOU!



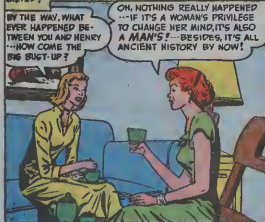
DON'T DROWN YOUR SORROW BY SUDDENLY PUTTING ON A BIG DATING ACT WITH SOME BOY YOU DON'T REALLY CARE FOR! IT WON'T FOOL ANYBODY, WON'T CURE YOUR HEARTBREAK, AND WON'T BE FAIR TO THE NEW DATE!



BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF...YOUR ROMANCE WASN'T PERFECT, WAS IT? TRY TO PROFIT BY THE MISTAKES YOU MADE...SO THAT IT WON'T EVER HAPPEN AGAIN!



DON'T MOAN OR TALK ABOUT YOUR BROKEN HEART...AND PRETTY SOON IT'LL STOP BEING A TOPIC OF CONVERSATION, AND YOUR FRIENDS WILL BEGIN TO FORGET YOU'VE BEEN JILTED!



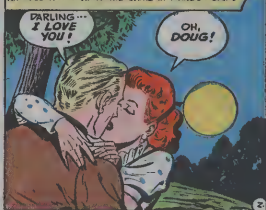
DON'T BECOME A HERMIT AND STAY HOME NURSING YOUR WOUNDED PRIDE! TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO DANCES AND PARTIES...BECAUSE WHO KNOWS?...YOUR REAL ROMANCE MAY BE WAITING JUST AROUND THE CORNER FOR YOU!



WHEN YOU'RE OUT ROMANCING WITH THE NEW LIGHT OF YOUR LIFE, AND MEET THE OLD FLAME WHO'D JILTED YOU, DO BE CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY...OR YOUR DATE WILL BEGIN TO THINK YOU'RE HARD AND SPITFIRE!



AND IF YOUR NEW ROMANCE TURNS OUT TO BE YOUR TRUE ROMANCE, AT LEAST YOU'LL KNOW BETTER THIS TIME AND YOU WON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES AGAIN!



PENNY Takes Her PICK

Penny DeJohn grew up in lavish luxury—but under the grim shadow of her father's dictatorial will! Her spirit sapped by domination, she was ready to give up the secret yearnings of her heart, follow the empty future that had been mapped for her! But then, like an atomic blast, something **NEW** entered her life! Follow along, reader, and see what happens when **"PENNY TAKES HER PICK!"**

BUT, FATHER, I—I DON'T LOVE HOSMER! PLEASE—DON'T MAKE ME MARRY HIM!

YOU'LL DO EXACTLY WHAT I TELL YOU TO DO, PENELOPE! AND STOP THIS PRATTLE ABOUT LOVE! MARRIAGE IS A COLD-BLOODED BUSINESS PROPOSITION, NOT A HIGH SCHOOL PROM!

BUT—BUT HOSMER IS SO DULL—SO STUFFY! I—

PENELOPE! STOP THAT WHINING AND LISTEN TO ME! AS THE SON OF THE WEALTHIEST MAN IN THIS CITY, HE'S AN EXCELLENT LONG-TERM INVESTMENT! YOU'LL MARRY HIM A WEEK FROM SATURDAY AS WE PLANNED—AND THAT'S THE LAST I WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT!

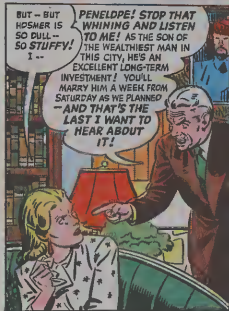
"YES, READER—THAT'S HOW IT ALWAYS HAD BEEN!

AFRAID TO OPPOSE MY FATHER'S IRON WILL, I BURIED MY BITTERNESS AND DREAMS OF LOVE DEEP IN MY HEART!

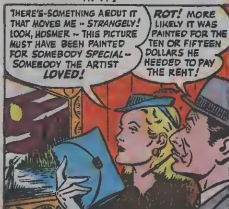
... NEXT MORNING, I WENT TO THE CITY WITH MY FIANCE, HOSMER VAN SCHUYLER, TO BUY SOME PAINTINGS FOR OUR FUTURE HOME...

HOW I ABHOR THIS CHEAP DISTRICT! ALL THESE UNCOUTH ARTISTS—WNY, THEY DON'T EVEN WEAR TIES!

OH, HOSMER, PLEASE STOP ACTING LIKE AN OLD LADY! THERE ARE SOME FINE PICTURES AT THIS GREENWICH VILLAGE ART EXHIBIT!



"AS I EXAMINED THE PAINTINGS, ONE PICTURE
CAUGHT MY EYE! I COULDN'T STOP LOOKING
AT IT!"



"SUDDENLY, A VOICE -- HOCKING, PERHAPS,
BUT STRONG, MASCULINE!"



"WHAT WAS THIS STRANGE RELIEF THAT FLOODED ME AT THE
KNOWLEDGE THAT THERE WAS AS YET NO WOMAN WHO COULD
CLAIM THIS PICTURE? BREATHLESSLY, I SPOKE --"



"THE NEXT FEW DAYS, I CONCENTRATED ON PLANS FOR
THE WEDDING -- TRYING TO SHAKE JAN BREWSTER OUT
OF MY MIND! BUT ONE MORNING ..."



"MY HEART POUNDED AS I OPENED THE
PACKAGE AND FOUND -- THE PAINTING!
AND THERE WAS A NOTE --"

I saw your picture, name and
address in the society page, and
send you this picture as a
wedding gift!
Here's some free advice,
too! There's nothing like
marriage for people in
love -- but when the girl's
heart isn't in it, it's
worse than Alcatraz!
Jan Brewster

"KNOWING WORDS--AND THEY STRUCK ME LIKE AN ARMOR-PIERCING SNELL!"

"I FELT I HAD TO SEE JAN AGAIN-- TO FIND OUT HOW HE KNEW MY SECRET..."

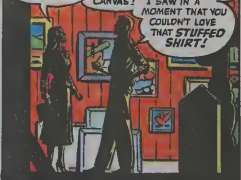
"I-- I NEVER SAW SUCH BRAZEN GALL IN MY LIFE! HOW DARE YOU IMPLY THAT I DON'T LOVE HOSMER?"

"I DIDN'T EXACTLY SAY THAT-- BUT SINCE YOU'RE SAYING IT-- IT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT?"



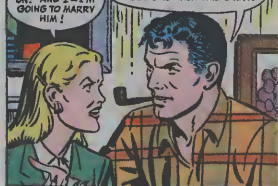
"HOW-- HOW DO YOU KNOW? I MEAN-- THAT IS, WHAT MAKES YOU THINK SO?"

"LOOK, I'M AN ARTIST! MY JOB IS TO OBSERVE LIFE AND PEOPLE AND THEIR EMOTIONS SO THAT I CAN TRANSLATE THEM TO THE CANVAS! I SAW IN A MOMENT THAT YOU COULDN'T LOVE THAT STUFFED SHIRT!"



"HOW DARE YOU CALL HIM A STUFFED SHIRT! WHY, HE WORSHIPS THE GROUND I WALK ON! AND I-- I'M GOING TO MARRY HIM!"

"IF YOU REALLY LOVED HIM, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE COME HERE AT ALL! IT WAS YOUR DOUBTS THAT BROUGHT YOU HERE! COME ON-- WE'RE GOING TO TALK THIS OVER!"



"I WONDERED WHAT FATHER WOULD SAY IF HE COULD HAVE SEEN ME... HERE! BUT THERE WAS A CAREFREE EXHILARATION ABOUT JAN'S COMPANY... I COULD ONLY THINK ABOUT HIM... US!"

"I PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE TWO WONDERS AND BEAUTIES OF LIFE-- ART-- AND LOVE!"



"I REMEMBER THE REST OF THAT ENCHANTED EVENING AS THROUGH A GOLDEN HAZE-- AS ONE REMEMBERS A BEAUTIFUL DREAM! VAGUELY, I RECALL THAT WE MADE DINNER TOGETHER AT JAN'S PLACE..."

"PENNY, AREN'T THOSE STEAKS DONE YET?"

"I'M STARVED!"

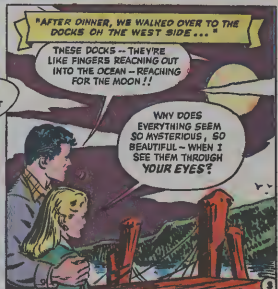
"WHAT?-- OH, YES! I WAS JUST THINKING THAT I'M SUPPOSED TO BE EATING DINNER WITH HOSMER AT MY HOME RIGHT NOW! BUT I'M HAVING SO MUCH FUN, I JUST DON'T CARE!"



"AFTER DINNER, WE WALKED OVER TO THE DOCKS ON THE WEST SIDE..."

"THESE DOCKS-- THEY'RE LIKE FINGERS REACHING OUT INTO THE OCEAN-- REACHING FOR THE MOON!!"

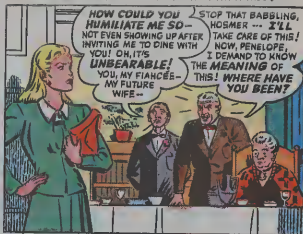
"WHY DOES EVERYTHING SEEM SO MYSTERIOUS, SO BEAUTIFUL-- WHEN I SEE THEM THROUGH YOUR EYES?"



"IT WAS MIDNIGHT MAGIC, FOR THEN I WAS IN HIS ARMS -- KNOWING THAT I WAS EXPERIENCING, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE ECSTASY OF REAL LOVE!"



"YES, I WENT HOME DANCING ON A CLOUD -- BUT WHAT I FOUND THERE BROUGHT ME BACK TO THE GROUND WITH A THUD!"



HOW COULD YOU HUMILIATE ME SO -- NOT EVEN SHOWING UP AFTER INVITING ME TO DINE WITH YOU! OH, IT'S UNBEARABLE! YOU, MY FIANCÉE -- MY FUTURE WIFE --

STOP THAT BABBLING, HOSMER -- I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS! NOW, PENELOPE, I DEMAND TO KNOW THE MEANING OF THIS! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

I KNOW WHERE SHE WAS! THE CHAUFFEUR TOLD ME -- SHE HAD HIM TAKE HER TO THAT ARTIST IN GREENWICH VILLAGE!

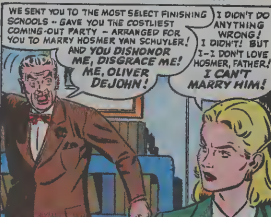
MOTHER, YOU GO TO BED! HOSMER, GO HOME! --

PENELOPE, EXPLAIN THIS UNFORGIVABLE BEHAVIOR -- AND TELL ME ABOUT THIS MAN!

AN ARTIST! HEAVEN HELP US ALL!



"FALTERINGLY, I STAMMERED OUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED! FATHER'S FACE WAS LIVID WITH RAGE..."



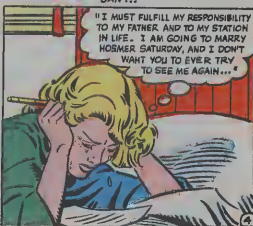
WE SENT YOU TO THE MOST SELECT FINISHING SCHOOLS -- GAVE YOU THE COSTLIEST COMING-OUT PARTY -- ARRANGED FOR YOU TO MARRY HOSMER VAN SCHUYLER! AND YOU DISHONOR ME, DISGRACE ME! ME, OLIVER DEJOHN!

I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG! I DIDN'T! BUT I -- I DON'T LOVE HOSMER, FATHER! I CAN'T MARRY HIM!

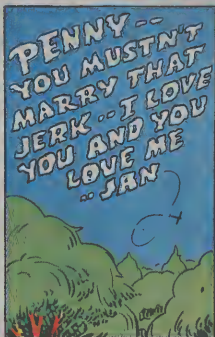
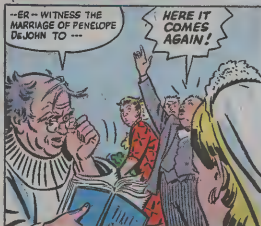
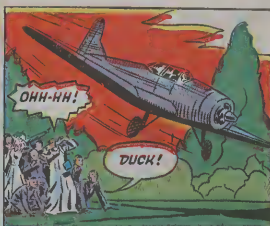
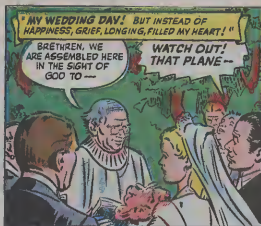
PENELOPE, YOU'LL MARRY HOSMER AS ARRANGED! AND IF YOU EVER SO MUCH AS SEE THAT -- THAT ARTIST AGAIN, I'LL SEE THAT YOU SUFFER FOR IT TILL YOUR DYING DAY!



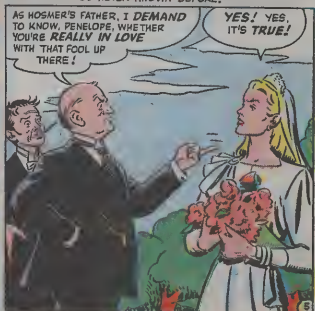
"I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I CRIED, YEARNING FOR JAN'S SOOTHING VOICE AND GENTLE TOUCH! DEATHLY AFRAID TO OPPOSE MY FATHER, I FINALLY RESIGNED MYSELF TO THE FATE ANEAD OF ME! WITH HEAVY HEART, I WROTE A NOTE TO JAN..."

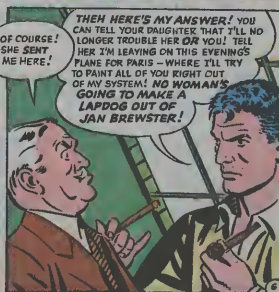
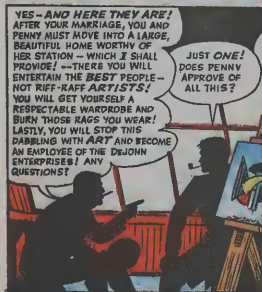
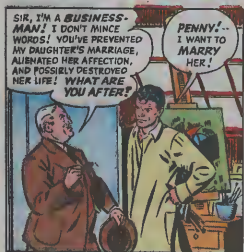
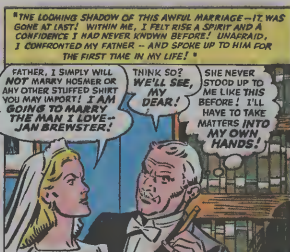
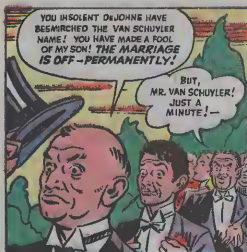


"I MUST FULFILL MY RESPONSIBILITY TO MY FATHER, AND TO MY STATION IN LIFE. I AM GOING TO MARRY HOSMER SATURDAY, AND I DON'T WANT YOU TO EVER TRY TO SEE ME AGAIN..."

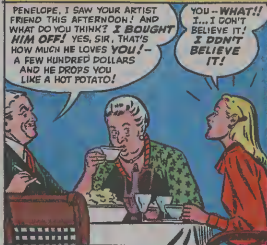


"IT WAS A MAD STUNT -- BUT IT GAVE ME A STRENGTH I'D NEVER KNOWN BEFORE!"





"AT DINNER THAT EVENING, FATHER HAD A SMUG SMILE ON HIS FACE! I SOON FOUND OUT WHY..."



PENELOPE, I SAW YOUR ARTIST FRIEND THIS AFTERNOON! AND WHAT DO YOU THINK? I BOUGHT HIM OFF! YES, SIR, THAT'S HOW MUCH HE LOVES YOU!— A FEW HUNDRED DOLLARS AND HE DROPS YOU LIKE A HOT POTATO!

YOU—WHAT!! I...I DON'T BELIEVE IT! I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT!

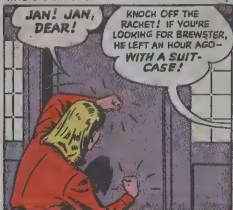
"I HAD TO TALK TO JAN—CONVINCE MYSELF THAT IT WASN'T, IT COULDN'T BE TRUE! BUT—"



KEEP RINGING, OPERATOR! HE MUST BE THERE!

SORRY! THERE IS NO ANSWER!

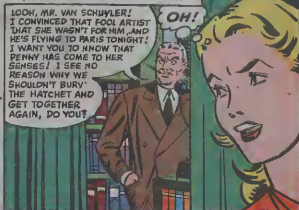
"DRIVEN BY A STRANGE PREMONITION, I JUMPED INTO THE CAR AND RACED TO JAN'S APARTMENT—"



JAN! JAN, DEAR!

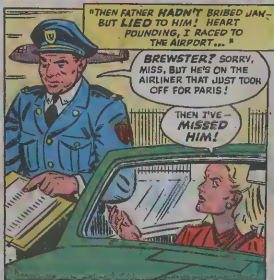
KNOCK OFF THE RACKET! IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR BREWSTER, HE LEFT AN HOUR AGO— WITH A SUIT-CASE!

"DISCOURAGED, I RETURNED TO MY HOME— ONLY TO OVERHEAR ..."



LOOK, MR. VAN SCHWYLER! I'VE CONVINCED THAT FOOL ARTIST THAT SHE WASN'T FOR HIM—AND HE'S FLYING TO PARIS TONIGHT! I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT PENNY HAS COME TO HER SENSES! I SEE NO REASON WHY WE SHOULDN'T BURY THE HATCHET AND GET TOGETHER AGAIN, DO YOU?

OH!



"THEN FATHER HADN'T BRIBED JAN— BUT LIED TO HIM! HEART POUNDING, I RACED TO THE AIRPORT..."

BREWSTER? SORRY, MISS, BUT HE'S ON THE AIRLINER THAT JUST TOOK OFF FOR PARIS!

THEN I'VE MISSED HIM!

"SUDDENLY, I HAD AN IDEA— A DESPERATE, CRAZY IDEA..."



OPERATOR, GIVE ME THE JIFFY CHARTER SERVICE!

"AN HOUR LATER -- HIGH ABOVE THE ATLANTIC--"

MY WORD --
WHAT'S
THAT?

THE LUNATIC--HE'S
BUZZING US!



ANOTHER
PLANE? --
WHERE?

LOOK --
UP
THERE!



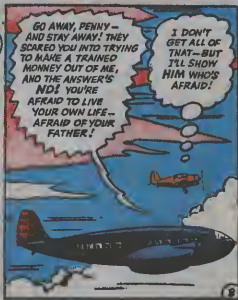
I'VE GOT TO
TALK TO THAT
GIRL! IS THERE
ANY WAY -- ?

RADIO! IT'S
SOMEWHAT IRREGULAR,
BUT I'LL GET THAT
PLANE FOR YOU!



GO AWAY, PENNY --
AND STAY AWAY! THEY
SCARED YOU INTO TRYING
TO MAKE A TRAINED
MONNEY OUT OF ME,
AND THE ANSWER'S
NO! YOU'RE
AFRAID TO LIVE
YOUR OWN LIFE --
AFRAID OF YOUR
FATHER!

I DON'T
GET ALL OF
THAT--BUT
I'LL SHOW
HIM WHO'S
AFRAID!



"STUNG BY JAN'S TAUNTING VOICE, I THREW ALL MY FEAR AND CAUTION TO THE WIND! I KNEW ONLY ONE THING -- I HAD TO SEE JAN!"

YOU'VE GOT TO GET ME ABOARD THAT PLANE -- I MUST TALK TO HIM FACE TO FACE! IF YOU'LL DO IT, I'LL GIVE YOU \$1,000!

I'M SORRY, MISS, I CAN'T -- REGULATIONS -- DID YOU SAY \$1,000? WELL, THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY -- BUT IT'S DANGEROUS!



CHARTER PLANE TO AIRLINER -- CHARTER PLANE TO AIRLINER -- MISS DEJOHN IS COMING ABOARD! OPEN DOOR AND PREPARE TO RECEIVE HER!

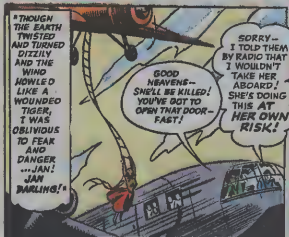
AIRLINER TO CHARTER PLANE -- AIRLINER TO CHARTER PLANE! NEGATIVE -- TOO DANGEROUS! -- REFUSE TO TAKE PASSENGER ABOARD!



"THOUGH THE EARTH TWISTED AND TURNED DIZZILY AND THE WIND HOWLED LIKE A WOUNDED TIGER, I WAS OBVIOUS TO FEAR AND DANGER ... JAN! JAN DARLING!"

GOOD HEAVENS -- SHE'LL BE KILLED! YOU'VE GOT TO OPEN THAT DOOR -- FAST!

SORRY -- I TOLD THEM BY RADIO THAT I WOULDN'T TAKE HER ABOARD! SHE'S DOING THIS AT HER OWN RISK!



THEN I'LL DO IT MYSELF!

STOP! YOU'LL BOTH BE KILLED!



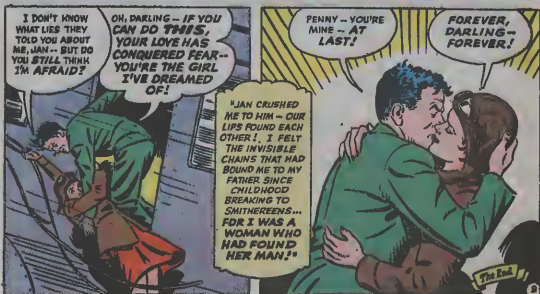
I DON'T KNOW WHAT LIES THEY TOLD YOU ABOUT ME, JAN -- BUT DO YOU STILL THINK I'M AFRAID?

OH, DARLING -- IF YOU CAN DO THIS, YOUR LOVE HAS CONQUERED FEAR -- YOU'RE THE GIRL I'VE DREAMED OF!

"JAN CRUSHED ME TO HIM -- OUR LIPS FOUND EACH OTHER! I FELT THE INVISIBLE CHAINS THAT HAD BOUND ME TO MY FATHER SINCE CHILDHOOD BREAKING TO SMITHEREENS... FOR I WAS A WOMAN WHO HAD FOUND HER MAN!"

PENNY -- YOU'RE MINE -- AT LAST!

FOREVER, DARLING -- FOREVER!



The End

DATING

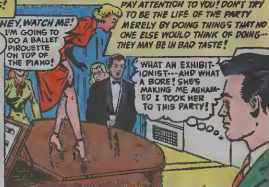
DO's and DON'TS

DO TRY TO BE VIVACIOUS WHEN YOU'RE OUT ON A PARTY DATE---TRY TO PUT SOME OF YOUR OWN ZEST AND SPIRIT INTO THE AFFAIR TO MAKE IT A REAL SUCCESS!



WE GIVE UP, JUNE---WE CAN'T GUESS THE CHARADE YOU'RE TRYING TO ACT OUT! BUT LET'S HAVE SOME MORE OF THEM---IT'S FUN JUST WATCHING YOU!

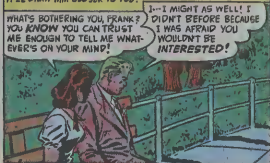
BUT DON'T MAKE YOURSELF AGGRESSIVELY CONSPICUOUS JUST BECAUSE YOU WANT OTHERS TO PAY ATTENTION TO YOU! DON'T TRY TO BE THE LIFE OF THE PARTY MERELY BY DOING THINGS THAT NO ONE ELSE WOULD THINK OF DOING---THEY MAY BE IN BAD TASTE!



HEY, WATCH ME! I'M GOING TO DO A BALLET PIROQUETTE ON TOP OF THE PIANO!

WHAT AN EXHIBITIONIST---AND WHAT A BORE! SHE'S MAKING ME ASHAMED I TOOK HER TO THIS PARTY!

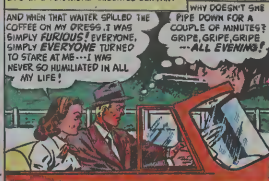
DO TAKE AN INTEREST IN YOUR DATE'S WORRIES IF HE APPEARS TO BE GLOOMY OR TROUBLED! IT'LL PROBABLY MAKE HIM FEEL BETTER JUST TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT HIS PROBLEMS---AND IF HE FEELS YOU'RE GENUINELY SYMPATHETIC, IT'LL DRAW HIM CLOSER TO YOU!



WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU, FRANK? YOU KNOW YOU CAN TRUST ME ENOUGH TO TELL ME WHAT-EVER'S ON YOUR MIND!

I---I MIGHT AS WELL! I DIDN'T BEFORE BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID YOU WOULDN'T BE INTERESTED!

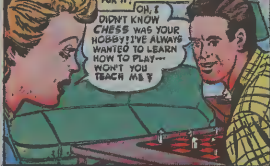
DON'T INDULGE IN SELF-CENTERED GRIPING ABOUT YOUR PETTY COMPLAINTS WHEN OUT ON A DATE---OR HE'LL START LOOKING FOR MORE CHEERFUL COMPANY!



AND WHEN THAT WATER SPILLED THE COFFEE ON MY DRESS, I WAS SIMPLY FURIOUS! EVERYONE, SIMPLY EVERYONE TURNED TO STARE AT ME---I WAS NEVER SO HUMILIATED IN ALL MY LIFE!

WHY DOESN'T SHE PIPE DOWN FOR A COUPLE OF MINUTES? GRIPE, GRIPE, GRIPE---ALL EVENING!

DO SHOW AN INTEREST IN YOUR DATE'S HOBBIES WHEN HE INVITES YOU TO HIS HOME! IF YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH HIM, TRY TO BECOME INTERESTED IN THE THINGS HE LIKES---BECAUSE HE'LL LOVE YOU FOR IT!



OH, I DIDN'T KNOW CHESS WAS YOUR HOBBY! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY---WOULD YOU TEACH ME?

DON'T LAUGH OR SMER AT HIS INTERESTS, JUST BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAPPEN TO BE THE SAME AS YOURS---OR HE'LL BE LOOKING FOR ANOTHER HEART-INTEREST!



WHAT? YOU MEAN YOU SPEND ALL YOUR SPARE TIME CARVING OUT THOSE RIDICULOUS-LOOKING FIGURES? WHY, THAT'S THE STUPIDEST THING I'VE EVER HEARD OF!

AND YOU'RE THE STUPIDEST GIRL I'VE EVER KNOWN! AT LEAST THIS CARVING SET IS A LOT MORE FUN TO BE WITH THAN YOU ARE!

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